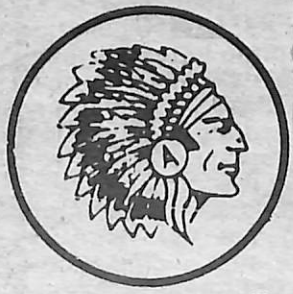


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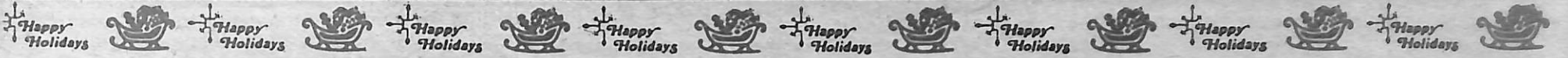
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## Farmer Squazza's Land Grant Paves Way For Vets' Cemetery

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

State and local officials joined representatives of Western Massachusetts veterans' groups at Agawam VFW Post 1632 last week to unveil the plans for the first state veterans' cemetery and to pay tribute to the Agawam farmer who had donated the 50-acre site on Main Street.

Media shy farmer Edward Squazza was not present to hear the accolades, choosing instead to send a nephew to accept a citation honoring his generosity to area veterans.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said, "It's only through Ed's kindness and generosity that we're sitting here today. This wonderful, peaceful site will be a mecca for veterans in Western Massachusetts to come and pay their respects to our departed veterans."

State Senator Linda Melconian, who sponsored the amendment authorizing the design study for a veterans' cemetery in the western part of the state, called Squazza's gift "democracy at its finest."

Melconian said, "We're all pulling together to honor in a very dignified way the people who have given the ultimate gift, if necessary, of their services to their country."

Presently, the only veterans' cemetery in the state is the national cemetery in Bourne (Cape Cod) where families can miss their loved ones' memorial ceremony if they are delayed even a short time in traffic.

"It's unacceptable for the people of Western

Massachusetts to have to travel for three or four hours to the Cape and then, if they're one minute late, they won't get into the memorial ceremony," Melconian said. "That's no way to honor the veterans of Western Massachusetts."

Along with Melconian, State Representative Daniel Keenan pledged to work with the Weld/Cellucci administration and in the legislature to ensure that funding for the project begins in fiscal year 1997.

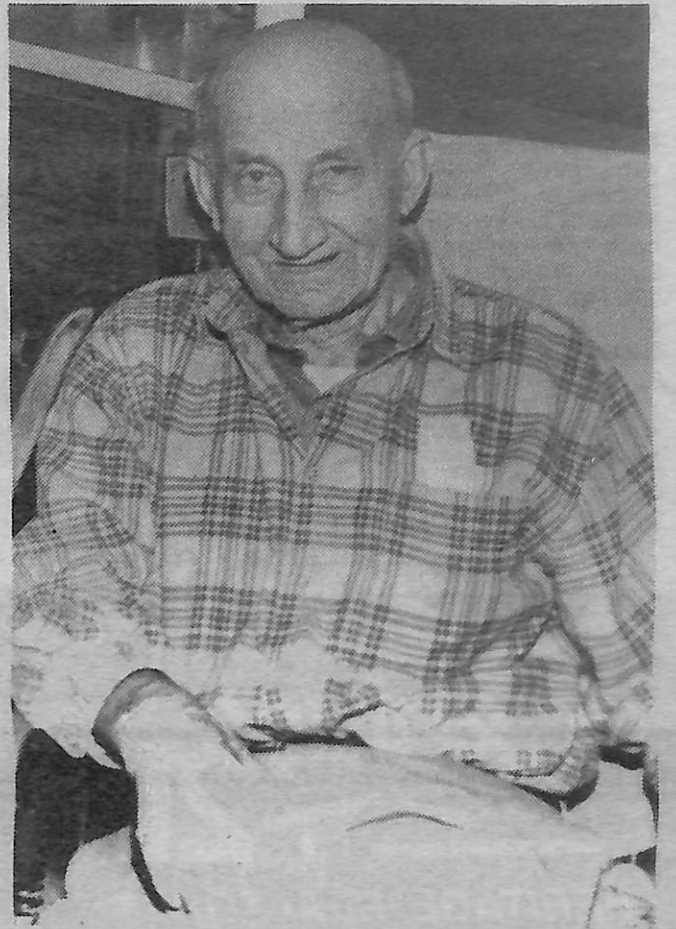
Keenan said, "It's true that we can't do enough for our veterans and this is one thing we can do for the veterans here."

Although he is not himself a veteran, Squazza served the World War II war effort in his draft-exempt occupation as a farmer growing the crops needed to support the men in uniform. As he told Agawam Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas, "The way I look at it, farmers were the first line of defense because them boys couldn't fight on an empty stomach."

Mrs. Bitzas said Squazza told her he was donating the 57 acre site because, "You can't do enough for them boys."

The initial development of the veterans' cemetery will cost an estimated \$3.8 million, but federal matching funds amount to \$2.1 million.

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**LONGTIME AGAWAM FARMER EDWARD SQUAZZA** has donated 57 acres of farmland that will be used as a state veterans' cemetery. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Signs Of The Season...



IN PHOTO LEFT, little Jessica Polaski listens as Santa Claus compliments her for being a good girl this past year. Santa made an appearance at the St. John's holiday crafts fair earlier this month. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Phelps School students Anthony Verterano and Shaunna Howe, as well as many of their classmates, worked hard to create special holiday Christmas cards for the elderly at Country Estates Nursing & Rehab facility on Suffield Street, as well as the children at Shriners Hospital in Springfield. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Shoveling Sidewalks Becoming Headache For Town Officials

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Property owners who don't keep their sidewalks clear of ice and snow can breathe a sigh of relief, at least temporarily.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson urged the Town Council to act expeditiously on his plan to hike the fine for sidewalk scofflaws from \$2 to \$25 per day. But, at Monday night's council meeting, his advice on speeding up the legislative process was ignored and the ordinance was sent to committee for further study.

Johnson said his proposal came in response to many complaints from residents concerned with the safety of schoolchildren and elderly people being forced to walk in the street because the sidewalks have not been cleared.

"It is not our intention to begin the wholesale fining of residents for failure to clear their sidewalks," Johnson said. "I want to raise awareness of the property owners' responsibility and work cooperatively to resolve complaints."

Johnson said non-compliance with sidewalk ordinances in surrounding communities dropped dramatically when the fine was upped from \$2 to a level more likely to serve as a deterrent.

"I'm hoping that will happen here," Johnson said. "We need an effective enforcement tool for those situations when all cooperative efforts fail."

**SEE SHOVELING - Page 2...**



**SHOVELING - from Page 1...**

Opposing the plan for hiking the fines, some elderly residents told the council it was unfair to fine property owners when the Department of Public Works fails to clear walking routes near town schools within 24 hours and when DPW snow plows routinely push snow over the treebelt and back onto sidewalks that were already cleared.

Furthermore, many elderly residents have heart conditions and are unable to shovel snow, it was noted.

William Foley, 79, said he had heart problems and wouldn't be able to operate his two snow blowers, even if they hadn't broken down.

"If you vote this in, I'll be forced to sell my property," Foley said.

Councilor Thomas Ennis said he didn't want to be responsible for someone having a heart attack.

"We have to find some type of exemption for senior citizens," Ennis said.

**"Something Must Be Done..."**

Councilor Edward Caba said something must be done to prevent children and seniors from walking in the street and risking getting badly hurt. "After the last snowstorm, I saw three kids come close to being run over because of the

sidewalk situation."

Caba said he favored the plan to increase the fines, but he wanted something done about the problem of the DPW plows curling snow over the snowbank onto the sidewalks.

Councilor David Skolnick said the town, not the residents, owns the sidewalk. Under town ordinance, the DPW clears 25 miles of sidewalks on 25 streets, Skolnick said.

"I would hope they could extend the number of miles so that more people could come under the umbrella," Skolnick said.

Councilor Kent Servis said he had complaints from a resident about the issue of neighbors blowing snow onto sidewalks that have been shoveled.

Councilor Gary Suffriti said it would be impossible to enforce any ordinance aimed at blowing or pushing snow onto the sidewalk without catching people in the act.

Councilor Chris Quatrone, chairperson of the Ordinance Committee, said he would schedule a meeting of the committee before the council meets again on January 6th.

Quatrone said he would invite Police Chief Robert Campbell and Public Works Superintendent Jack Stone to attend in order to gather as much information as possible before reporting back to the council.

**LEGAL NOTICE****AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD**

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 2, 1997 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Fether, Inc. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Willow Glenn Estates II." The proposed subdivision consists of 28 lots to be located between Lancaster Drive and Sheri Lane.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board  
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BY ORDER OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD  
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

## Sen. Melconian Files Legislation On Diary Admissibility

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has filed legislation which would create an exception to the "heresy rule" of evidence, allowing in statements made in a diary if the author is unavailable for testimony. Currently in Massachusetts, diary and personal journal entries made by someone other than a witness testifying at a trial is inadmissible.

The debate over diary admissibility was most recognized in 1995 during the O.J. Simpson murder trial. The controversy surrounding Nicole Simpson's diary prompted California to pass a law allowing for the admissions of diary entries in criminal and civil cases.

Melconian's legislation would require among other things that the statement describes the infliction or threat of physical injury, the statement be trustworthy, the declarant be unavailable as a witness, and that the statement was made in writing, by electronic means or to a law enforcement official. As with all evidence, the presiding judge still has the discretion to admit or disallow diary testimony.

"In many cases, diary entries can provide an accurate picture of abuse in the years leading up to the crime of murder," Melconian said. "If the diary is credible and fits all of the criteria for admissibility as evidence, it should be allowed."

"The Simpson case brought national attention to the question of whether diary entries have relevance. I believe a diary can be the best opportunity for the victim of domestic violence to have a voice and a chance to testify," Melconian said.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Congratulations To AHS's Production Of Christmas Carol

#### To The Editor:

Once again, the Agawam High School theater classes under the sagacious eye of Mrs. Margo Poulin have come through — this time, with a brilliant production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The talented student director, actors, musicians and singers, technical crew, and set designers brought forth a production on a shoestring budget that could give any professional theater company a run for its money.

What a pleasure it was to see the creative way the special effects were produced. How refreshing it was to see high school students performing these timeless characters with such self-motivation and freedom. How entertaining it was to see them so involved in their characters that some were able to ad-lib lines, bringing such realism to the play. And what better way is there to hold the audience captive than to present such familiar material in such an unfamiliar way.

I am a long-time fan of high school theater. I have seen the hard work and energy the students and their advisor put into each production. Those people who have never seen a high school play production are cheating themselves out of a most memorable experience. It is an opportunity to see the commitment and dedication these young people put into their educational responsibilities.

It is also an opportunity to see what *good* things our young people are doing in school and how they can benefit from a well-rounded curriculum.

Congratulations Agawam High School, Margo Poulin, and the cast and crew of *A Christmas Carol*! You all did a superb job of bringing pride to your school and to high school theater everywhere.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen A. Mounieimneh  
Feeding Hills

### Phelps P.T.O. Thanks Families For Supporting Fundraisers

#### To The Editor:

The spirit of holiday giving is alive and well at Benjamin J. Phelps Elementary School. During our recent "Month of Giving," the students and their families and the staff demonstrated an overwhelming ability to give to others to make the holidays a little brighter for many people in this area.

A penny drive raised \$753.97 for the "Toy for Joy" fund, making Phelps School one of the single largest contributors this year. Greeting cards handmade by the students were sent to the "Tiny Tim" program at Shriners Hospital as well as the Country Estate Nursing Home.

A week-long food drive brought in literally hundreds of food and personal care items which were given to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. During the final week of the "Month of Giving," the students and their families donated hundreds of pairs of mittens, hats, and scarves which will be distributed to children living in area women's shelters.

When the P.T.O. undertook this project, we never expected to receive such a tremendous response. As the pennies, canned goods, and mittens flowed in each day with the students, we were truly amazed by the outpouring of generosity.

On behalf of the Phelps P.T.O., I would like to say thank you to all of our Phelps families for making the holidays brighter for so many others. Your incredible response to this project is a wonderful example of what the holidays are really all about.

Again, I say thank you and extend my warmest wishes to you all for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Deborah J. Sekula  
President, Phelps P.T.O.

### F. Hills Resident Supports New Plans For Riverside Park

#### To The Editor:

As a member of the Concerned Agawam Citizens (C.A.T.) group and a private citizen interested in the improved future of our town, I am writing this letter in support of the new plans for Riverside Park.

Riverside Park has proven to be a good neighbor to Agawam for over 50 years and provides many full-time and seasonal jobs to adults and especially college students during their summer breaks.

Although the new roller coaster will be over 100 feet tall, I hope that the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board will examine the issue carefully and in the end grant Riverside its special permit as they finally did with Berkshire Power.

Riverside must expand and improve its facilities if it is to survive in this highly competitive market. If Riverside fails in its quest, then the town loses part of its tax base and many employment opportunities.

As citizens, we must prevent this and support new and expanding businesses.

My other concern will be that the C.C.B.A. group will object to the special permit as they have stated publicly that they are against structures over 100 feet tall. C.C.B.A. fought Berkshire Power on the issue of the smokestack height, and I am fearful that in order to show a consistent platform, they will oppose this project as well. Of course, this project will be in someone else's neighborhood, so maybe it might get their support. Let's hope so.

Riverside is an asset to this town, so we all need to give our full support to this special permit.

Frank Meagher  
Feeding Hills

### Polish-American Club Holds Its Annual Christmas Party

#### To The Editor:

The Polish-American Club's annual Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 15th. Santa came by fire truck to the delight of 93 children who stood outside eagerly awaiting, "HO-HO-HO!"

The children shouted with glee, "Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus!" as the fire engine approached. Santa touched and shook hands as he entered the club.

A Strawberry Production clown entertained the children, who also received fruit bags, ice cream, cookies, soda, and a gift.

A joy to report,  
Eddie Barako  
Feeding Hills

### Community Center For Cancer Support Thanks The AAN

#### To The Editor:

On behalf of the volunteers and the cancer survivors affiliated with THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR CANCER SUPPORT (CCCS), I want to express our sincere appreciation for your publication of the article featuring CCCS.

We have received several calls from local residents who have cancer and need assistance such as CCCS provides. These people would not have known that help is available had they not read about CCCS in your newspaper. One of the cancer survivors said, "This has been a wonderful Christmas present."

We look forward to working with your staff in the future to continue to spread the word to people in need through your newspaper, which is a vital source of information and enjoyment for our town.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Nanci J. Scala, R.N.  
THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR  
CANCER SUPPORT (CCCS)

### Jr. Women's Club Says Thanks For Supporting Breakfast

#### To The Editor:

THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB would like to thank all those who attended our fifth Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sunday, December 15th, at the Agawam High School.

What a great way to celebrate the holiday season! With the continued support of our community, we were able to provide a delicious breakfast, a truly wonderful Santa and Mrs. Claus, pictures at a nominal fee, letters to Santa, and a collection for our Holiday Food Baskets all in one morning.

The Agawam Juniors would like to thank Mr. Jim Loomis for his assistance, and HP Hood for their generous donation.

Again, we hope that everyone who attended will return next year and will also continue to support the Agawam Junior Women's Club in their many projects and programs.

Carol Patrick and Donna M. Shibley  
Ways and Means Co-chairpersons  
Agawam Junior Women's Club

### An Honest Soul Understands Meaning Of Holiday Season

#### To The Editor:

Last week I lost my pocketbook at Stop & Shop. It had my Christmas money in it. It was returned to the service desk.

Whoever found and returned it, I just want to say, "Thank you very much." I wish I knew who you were so I could thank you in person.

God bless you and have a very Merry Christmas!

Lisa Baurle  
Feeding Hills

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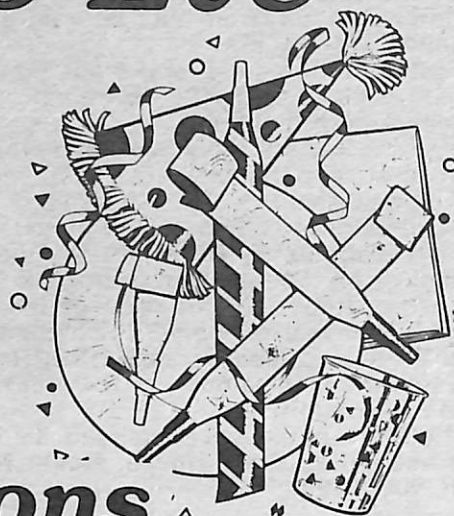
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# VETERANS' CEMETERY - from Page 1...

This will leave the state's net expenditure at \$1.7 million, according to Jeanne Armstrong of LandUse Inc., the consulting firm hired by the state to conduct a siting and management study.

Ms. Armstrong said the value of the land would be included as part of the state's matching funds, even though the land was donated.

## Expected To Accommodate 40,000 Gravesites

Approximately 50 acres of the site will be used for the cemetery, which is expected to eventually accommodate 40,000 gravesites. Officials say this will serve the needs of veterans and their families for 60 years. Six acres of wetlands associated with Three Mile Brook will not be used.

Initial design plans show the main entrance to the cemetery across from the intersection of Main Street and River Road. The first phase of the cemetery development includes three burial fields; an administration building with a committal chapel; a ceremonial area with flag and garden areas; and a columbarium wall for the interment of cremated remains.

Commissioner of Veterans' Services Thomas J. Hudner, Jr., is asking for letters in support of funding for the cemetery from both veterans and from the public.

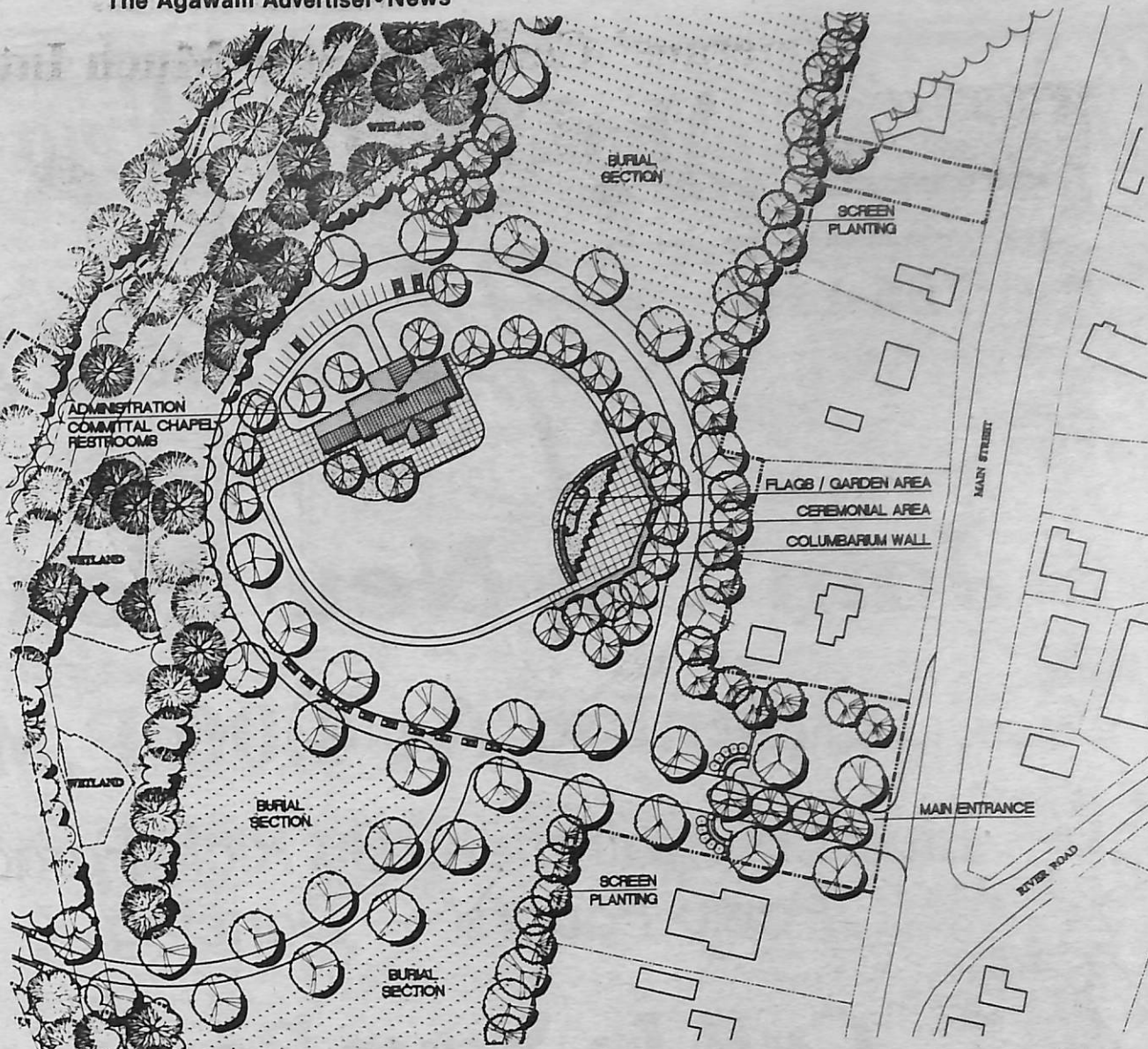
"To veterans, the need for a state cemetery is obvious," Hudner said. "But we must convince the legislature of that fact."

Hudner said letters should be sent to individual state senators and representatives and particularly to the Senate and House leadership.

Key legislators to be contacted include:

Senator Thomas F. Birmingham, Room 332, President of the Senate; Representative Thomas M. Finneran, Room 356, Speaker of the House; Senator C. Rosenberg, Room 212, Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee; Rep. Paul Haley, Room 243, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The letters should be addressed as follows: (Name and Title), State House, Room Number, Boston, MA 02133.



A DRAWING OF HOW THE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY that will accomodate up to 40,000 gravesites over a 60-year period. The cemetery will be located on the corner of Main Street and River Road, Agawam.

## Rep. Keenan Sponsors Library Initiatives

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has sponsored bills that highlight the importance of libraries to the public. He has sponsored the Public Library Improvement Bill that sets forth a \$160 million program of grants to fund approved library projects for the state's cities and towns.

He has also sponsored legislation to enhance library technology and resource sharing in the Commonwealth. This bill would establish a regional library system to provide reference and research services, interlibrary loan, delivery and other regional services to public, school, academic, and special libraries in each region.

"Libraries contribute to the lifelong learning process of our citizens," stated Rep. Keenan. "I am committed to providing the necessary resources so that our libraries can continue their valuable service to the public."

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 26, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Benerakis for work to be performed at 599 Shoemaker Lane, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
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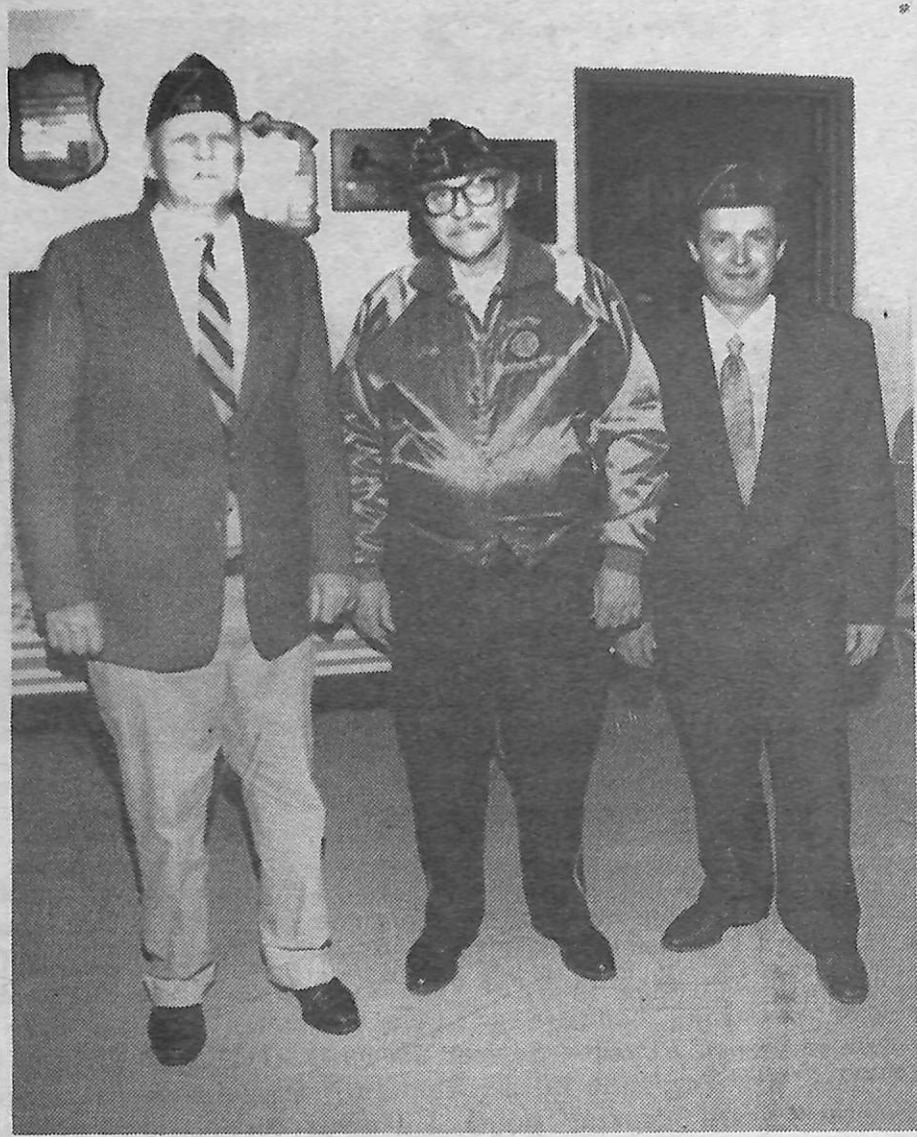
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## Veterans' Cemetery Stirs Much Interest In Town



IN PHOTO LEFT, STATE SENATOR LINDA J. MELCONIAN, one of the prime pushers for a state veterans' cemetery in the western part of Mass., is pictured at the Main Street site with designers Jeanne Armstrong and Peter LaBarbera of LandUse Inc. IN PHOTO RIGHT, some of the veterans who were involved in the official announcement of the cemetery coming to Agawam included, from left - Norman J. McMahon, Agawam VFW commander; Jay O'Sullivan, American Legion commander; and Glen Seymour, Agawam VFW quartermaster. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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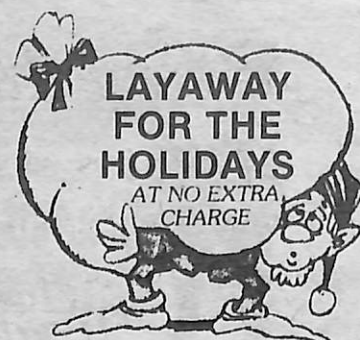
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## Veterans' Officials Gather For Cemetery



THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A STATE VETERANS' cemetery will be placed on a 57-acre site off Main Street brought out many veterans' officials last week. A luncheon was held at the VFW Post on South Street after the announcement. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Robert McKean, State Dept. of Veterans' Services; Ruth Bitzas, Agawam veterans' agent; Jeanne Armstrong, LandUse Inc.; Peter LaBarbera, LandUse Inc.; and Thomas J. Hudner, commissioner of Veterans' Services. IN PHOTO BELOW, Robert McKean, State Dept. of Veterans' Services; Ruth Bitzas, Agawam veterans' agent; Fred Stoddard, nephew of land donator Edward Squazza; Thomas J. Hudner, commissioner of Veterans' Services; Linda J. Melconian, state senator; Christopher C. Johnson, Agawam mayor; and Daniel Keenan, state rep. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Pride Station's Drive-Thru Plan To Be Aired Jan. 2

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on its proposal to amend the zoning ordinance governing drive-thru restaurants on January 2nd in the community room of the police station.

Town Planner Deborah Dachos said the amendment is a relaxation of the 50 parking spaces rule, but a strengthening of the town's ability to control the location of the drive-thru and a way to ensure adequate on-site stacking so as to prevent a backlog of cars on the street.

Earlier this month, the board voted unanimously to petition the Town Council to amend the ordinance requiring drive-thru restaurants to obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and provide 50 parking spaces.

### Too Restrictive

In a memo sent to Town Council, Planning Board Chairman Charles Calabrese states that the board felt the 50 parking space requirement was too restrictive after considering a site plan for a drive-thru window submitted by Pride Gas Station owner Robert Bolduc.

The board is proposing to amend the drive-thru ordinance by giving the Board of Appeals the discretion to determine the number of parking spaces necessary for drive-thru restaurants where no seating is proposed.

The amendment also allows the Planning Board and the ZBA to have more control over the exact location of the drive-thru window to ensure that there will be no impact to traffic on the street.

Bolduc's plan to enlarge his gas station and convenience store at Feeding Hills Center included a drive-thru window to be located at the rear of the new store (to be utilized for selling grinders and groceries).

After the building inspector determined that the operation of a grinder franchise met the requirements to be classed as a restaurant, Bolduc was unable to develop a site plan with 50 parking spaces and he later withdrew his request for a special permit from the ZBA.

In presenting his case to the ZBA, Bolduc had argued that a 50 parking space requirement did not make sense since there would be no seating inside. He said the whole point of the drive-thru would be to avoid having customers park their cars to patronize the store.

Ms. Dachos said the intent of the original ordinance was not to make it impossible for developers to construct drive-thru restaurants.

"There is no minimum lot size in Business Zone A, so a drive-thru restaurant could have been built on a site not adequate for that purpose. The 50 parking places give the assurance that the site will be large enough," Ms. Dachos said.

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Ursula Retzier  
Clerk of the Council

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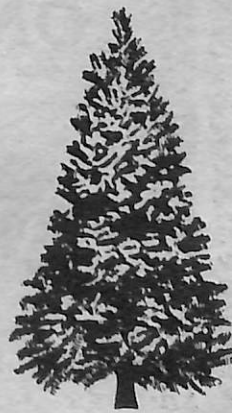
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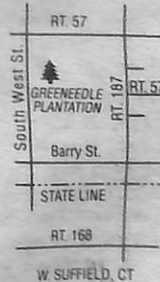
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## Agawam Obituaries

### John N. Brusseau

John N. Brusseau, 68, of Agawam, an electrical engineering associate professor at Western New England College for 16 years, died at Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Agawam, he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, where he belonged to Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, and Sigma Xi.

He earned a master's degree at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

He was a Korean War Army veteran, a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a member of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, and a long-time Agawam resident.

He leaves his wife, the former Jean E. Demarais; two daughters, Theresa J. Brusseau of Agawam and Nancy L. Venigni of Manchester, CT; two brothers, Paul of Agawam and Francis of Rochester, NY; four sisters, Rose Duquette, Cecile Piquette, and Lillian Morisset of Agawam, and Lucille Brusseau of Van Nuys, CA; and two granddaughters.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

### David P. Dickson

David P. Dickson, 86, of 44 Line Street, Feeding Hills, died in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He was a retired mechanic for Springfield Mack Truck Co., and also worked for Hartford Mack Trucking Co. He retired in 1975.

Born in Hartford, CT, he lived in Enfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1968. He was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church.

His wife, the former Teresa Grasso, died in 1982.

He leaves a son, Alfred S. Perusse of Hampden; two daughters, Carole Gluck of Canterbury, CT, and Patricia Scott of Lisbon, CT; a nephew and a niece.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Residence, Little Sisters of the Poor, 1365 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082, or Brightside For Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Max Orenstein

Max Orenstein, 82, of 2e Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam, the owner of Max Orenstein Plumbing & Heating Co. of Springfield since 1949, died at Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Springfield, he was a World War II Army veteran. He served with the 42nd Infantry ("Rainbow") Division in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns in 1945.

He was a longtime area resident before moving to Agawam 13 years ago.

He was a member of the Independent City of Homes Association, the Indian Orchard Shawmut Masonic Lodge, the Melha Temple Shrine and its Scottish Rite Bodies, and the Knights of Pythias.

He worshipped at the Kodimoh Synagogue, and was in its Brotherhood.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Blanche (Couture) Orenstein; a son, Lee, and a daughter, Karen Blank of Longmeadow; a brother, Samuel of Springfield; and four granddaughters.

The funeral was held at Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel, with burial in the City of Homes Cemetery, both in Springfield.

The memorial observance was held at the 69 Coventry Lane, Longmeadow, home of Karen Blank. Memorial contributions may be made to Kodimoh Synagogue, 124 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108.

### Beatrice A. Gaboury

Beatrice A. Gaboury, 98, of 22 Walnut St., Agawam, died at North Bay Medical Center in New Port Richey, Florida.

She was a 40-year finisher at Strathmore Paper Co. in West Springfield. Born in Springfield, she was a longtime resident here, and a communicant of St. Theresa's Church, Agawam.

She leaves a sister, Eva Sampson of New Port Richey, and nephews and nieces. The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with a Mass in the church and the burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Theresa's Church, 74 Bridge St., Agawam, 01001.

### Madeline Desrosiers

Madeline L. (Morin) Desrosiers, 77, of Roosevelt Ave., Agawam, died recently after a long illness. She was a ward secretary at Mercy Hospital intensive care unit in Springfield for many years.

Born in East Longmeadow, she lived in Springfield for many years, and was a 1937 graduate of the city's Sacred Heart High School. She moved to Feeding Hills 18 years ago.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. Her husband, Benoit ("Ben") Desrosiers, died last year. She leaves three daughters, Marie Cheney of Westfield, Elaine Desrosiers of Bedford, Texas, and Catherine Gomes of Feeding Hills; four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery at Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, 01102-9058.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws Chapter 138, that Feeding Hills Liquors, Inc., d/b/a Phipps Discount Liquors, 1350 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, Jordan Phillips, Manager, has applied for Transfer of Location and Transfer of License from Feeding Hills Village Package Store, Inc. d/b/a Village Package Store, 1342A Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Building consisting of one story concrete block, two rooms on first floor, partial cellar for storage. Approximately 6100 square feet. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1997, at 7:00 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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## Councilors Won't Recognize Mayor's Veto...

# Last Meeting Of 1996 Council Keeps Confrontation With Mayor Up Front

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The first half of a Town Council term plagued with contention among the councilors, challenges to the council leadership, and a power struggle with the Mayor ended Monday night with little hope for smoother sailing in the new year.

Nine councilors agreed to remove from their agenda an order that had been vetoed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. But councilors don't agree on what the vote meant.

Some say removing the item effectively sustained the Mayoral veto. Others contend that the veto was not valid, and removing the item had the effect of affirming the council's vote to hire retired Judge John F. Moriarty to advise the councilors regarding a public hearing into the possible misuse of funds relating to insurance consulting contracts.

Council President Nancy Thompson said eight votes would have been needed to override the veto. "The council did not vote to override the veto. They voted to remove the item which was to hire the attorney. The issue (of hiring an attorney) no longer exists," Ms. Thompson said.

Noting that the whole issue of the public hearing and the hiring of an attorney had "gotten to the point of broad comedy," Councilor Joseph Langone said he would not have voted to override the veto.

"My vote to remove the item meant good-bye to this item. I don't want to see it again," Langone said. "But, I'm afraid that as long as Mr. (former Councilor Valentine) Moreno has breath in his body, we haven't seen the last of this."

However, Councilor Kent Servis said the veto item had been improperly placed on the agenda because the deadline for a Mayoral veto had long since expired.

Once legislation has been signed by the council president, there is a 10-day limit for a Mayoral veto.

Last month, Johnson vetoed the council's November 6th vote to hire Moriarty on November 18th, the same day the paperwork reached his office.

### Johnson's Reasons...

In his veto message to the council, Johnson

gave 10 reasons for disapproving the council vote to hire Moriarty.

Johnson said the council had violated the Agawam Home Rule Charter by holding the public hearing after the deadline for taking action had passed. He said the council further violated the charter by forming a subcommittee to review the material presented at an improper and illegal public hearing.

Johnson said the council lacks the authority to investigate "the misuse of public funds" and lacks the authority to hire an attorney or to appropriate money from the Law Department to pay for those services.

But Servis, along with Councilors Gary Suffriti and Dennis Perry, says the council had originally voted to hire Moriarty at the council's first meeting in October and there was no Mayoral veto of that vote.

"It's not my problem if the Mayor didn't receive any paperwork from the October vote," Suffriti said. "There was no veto of that vote. We voted to hire an attorney and Moriarty's name was mentioned, so the vote stands."

"We're standing by Council Rule 38, which says we have the right to hire an attorney," Perry said.

Ms. Thompson and Councilor Chris Quatrone abstained from the vote, acting on the advice of Town Solicitor Thomas Locke regarding the council's lack of authority to investigate allegations of criminal misconduct.

Suffriti, Perry, and Servis are the three councilors appointed to the subcommittee charged with reviewing the material submitted by Moreno at last month's public hearing.

Suffriti said the subcommittee had received a freedom of information act request from the town's Law Department for any materials relating to the subcommittee work.

"This request from the Law Department isn't signed and until it is signed, I consider it good for nothing," Suffriti said.

## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

### Make Sure You Have Two Ways Out In The Event Of A Fire In Your Home

Fire! In your home? No, you think. But, what if it did? Would you and your family know what to do? Would they react safely?

In 1987, the year for which the most current statistics are available, 4,660 deaths occurred in residences in the United States.

The primary problem surrounding this high home fire death rate is the belief by individuals that they won't have an accidental fire, so they aren't prepared when a fire occurs and react improperly when a fire does occur. Family members should plan ahead by taking the following actions in the event their homes are stricken by a fire:

- Install and maintain smoke detector; at least one on each level, and one outside each bedroom area.

- Every occupant should know two ways out of each bedroom; a primary exit (usually the door) and a secondary exit (the window, should the doorway be blocked).

- For primary exit escapes, make sure everyone knows to crawl out on their hands and knees below the smoke. Placing a cloth over their nose and mouth may also reduce smoke inhalation.

- Some family members may need assistance escaping, such as infants, small children, and the elderly. Assign "helpers" in advance so that, in the event of a fire, everyone will know what is expected of them.

- For second- and third-story window escapes, install folding chain escape ladders. They may be stored in a box by the window for quick access.

- Determine an outside meeting place. Make sure everyone is familiar with its designation.

- Most important — practice the plan! Not only during the day, but also at night. Time the evacuation and evaluate your home fire escape plan. Don't wait until a fire occurs to find out that a window is stuck shut.

- Make sure everyone knows not to attempt to extinguish the fire or grab valuables.

- Once all family members are outside at the designated meeting place, if possible, an adult should go to a neighbor's house to telephone the fire department. Memorize your fire department's emergency telephone number — 911 — and have it posted on your phones and the neighbor's phones.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## Keenan Sponsoring Several Bills To Address Several Problems In Veterans' Services

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has sponsored several bills to address and remedy deficiencies and problems in veterans services, benefits, and programs. The bill to eliminate taxation on military pensions is a direct result of Rep. Keenan's efforts to address the inequities under the Massachusetts taxation code regarding veterans' pensions.

He was appointed by House Speaker Thomas M. Finneran to serve on the six-member Special Commission to Investigate the Taxation of Military Pensions. Rep. Keenan was instrumental in scheduling a hearing in Western Massachusetts regarding the issue.

In addition to the Military Pension Bill, Rep.

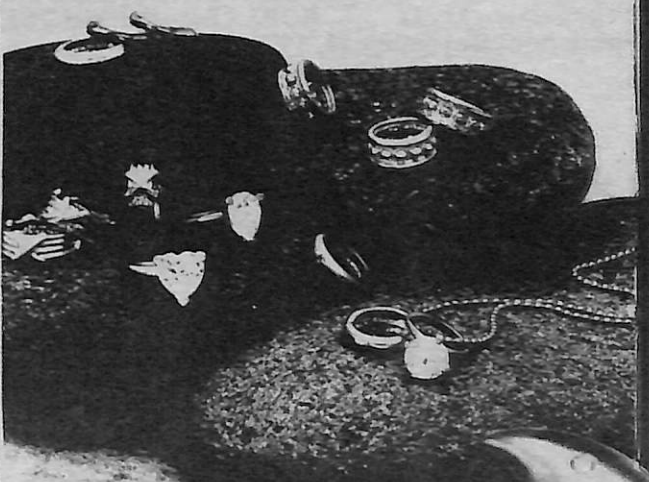
Keenan sponsored a bill to extend the current bonus provided to those in the armed forces who served in Desert Storm and the Persian Gulf to those currently serving in the Bosnia Peace Mission. He has also sponsored a bill relative to the retirement benefits for veterans. This bill extends retirement benefits to any person who served in the armed forces and who received an honorable discharge and who would be allowed to be credited with public service time towards retirement benefits.

Other bills include provisions to increase tax abatements on real property from \$175 to \$300 for disabled veterans and to grant certain exemptions on real estate taxes, excise taxes, and further define general veterans' benefits.

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# "A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

## Superintendent Joins With Students

At last week's School Committee meeting, Superintendent Frank Ameruso announced the formation of a Superintendent/Student Advisory Council.

Ameruso said the council will be comprised of representatives from student government, the National Honor Society, and class officers.

"The council will be a communication vehicle—a direct line from the students to me," Ameruso said. "This is not meant to by-pass any other authority, it is just a way for me to get the pulse of the school and keep in touch with the students."

Student representatives to the advisory council are:

**Dan Balbony**, sophomore class president; **Irene Brown**, junior class president; **Stephanie Fleming**, junior class secretary; **Melissa Troie**, senior class president; **Diane Parslow**, student government; **Wendy Hughes**, student government; **Rita Reshamwala**, student government; and **Dan Martin**, National Honor Society.

The council will begin meeting in January.

## State Of Schools Address

At the January 28th meeting of the School Committee, Superintendent Frank Ameruso will deliver a State of the Schools Address.

Ameruso said he will discuss the present state of the school system and his vision of where the school system will be in the year 2000.

## Italian Sister?

Agawam could soon join Springfield as a sister city to a community in Italy.

Town Councilor **Joseph Langone** and Mayor **Christopher C. Johnson** are looking for representatives from the community, the schools, and local Italian-American civic groups to form an Italian Sister City Commission.

The commission will work with the Italian Consulate toward the selection of an appropriate sister city and will initiate an exchange between the two communities.

For the past several months, Johnson and Langone have been exploring the possibility of becoming a sister city to an Italian community with representatives of the Italian Consulate.

Typically, the program involves a formalized relationship based on cultural, educational, and business exchange.

Usually, contacts are made between the local governments, local education leaders, and the business community for an exchange of ideas, culture, students, and potential site visits.

Anyone interested in serving on the commission should contact Councilor Langone or the Mayor's Office before January 1st.

## Cecchi, Godek Reappointed

Town Council unanimously approved two reappointments to town commissions at its Monday, December 16th meeting.

**David Cecchi** was reappointed to the Historical Commission to a term expiring on January 1st, 2000.

**Dean Godek** was reappointed to the Municipal Golf Commission to a term expiring on December 21st, 1999.

## Amusement License Sought

At its next meeting on January 6th, Town Council will consider a license for weekly amusement for **Johnny's, Inc.**, at the Galleria Shoppes in Feeding Hills, for a piano player, violinist, or an acoustic guitar player, as well as a permit for two video machines.

## Sidewalk Debate To Come

Also scheduled for the council's first meeting of the new year will be an ordinance to amend the town's code governing sidewalk snow removal; a resolution confirming the reappointment of **Charles R. Calabrese** to the Planning Board; a resolution supporting the siting of a state Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam; and a resolution to honor **Edward Squazza** for his extraordinary generosity in donating the land for a State Veterans' Cemetery.

## The Veterans' Corner

### VA-Guaranteed Loan

**Q.** What happens if I fail to make the payments on my VA-guaranteed home loan?

**A.** Failure to make payments on the loan may lead to foreclosure, the loss of your home, and (in some cases) a debt to the government for which you would be held responsible.

If you find yourself in financial difficulty, please contact your loan holder to discuss the problem and make arrangements to bring your loan current. If additional assistance or advice is required, you should contact the VA regional officer nearest you by calling 1-800-827-1000.

**Q.** I used my VA-guaranteed home loan benefit years ago. Can I become eligible again and purchase another home with a VA-guaranteed home loan?

**A.** Your entitlement to a VA-guaranteed home loan can be restored if you have sold the home you previously bought, and the VA loan has been paid in full.

Your eligibility also can be restored if you have sold your home to a qualified veteran buyer who substituted his or her entitlement for yours. The purchase must have substituted the same amount of entitlement as you used to buy the house.

**Q.** I did not serve in the U.S. military. Can I buy a home that the VA has acquired as a result of foreclosure of a VA-guaranteed home loan?

**A.** Yes. These homes are available to both veterans and non-veterans.

**Q.** Are members of the Reserves or National Guard eligible for VA-guaranteed home loans?

**A.** Reservists or National Guard members are eligible if they complete at least six years of service in the selected Reserves or National Guard. After completing six years, they must either still be serving in a component of the Reserves or have received an honorable discharge.

Reservists or National Guard members also are eligible for VA-guaranteed home loans if they

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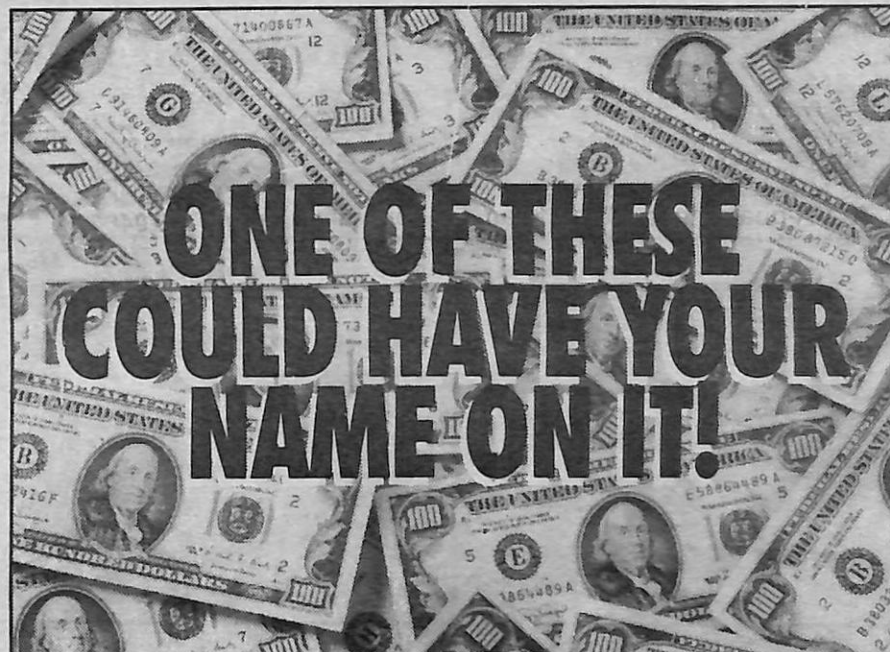
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## Second Group Of Citizens Grads Of Police Academy



THE SECOND GRADUATING CLASS OF AGAWAM CITIZENS from the "Agawam Police Academy" were honored at Police Headquarters recently. IN PHOTO LEFT, officials on hand were Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Safety Officer (Sgt.) Steve Draghetti, Chief Of Police Robert D. Campbell, and Sgt. Thomas Rondeau (Hampden County Sheriff's Dept.). IN PHOTO RIGHT are the academy graduates. The next class starts on February 4th. Contact Officer Draghetti at Police Headquarters for further information.

### VETERANS' CORNER - from Page 12...

have at least 91 days of active-duty service during wartime. VA-guaranteed home loan eligibility for Reservists expires October 28, 1999.

**Q.** I'm on active duty in the Marines and have a certificate of eligibility for a VA-guaranteed home loan. Will the certificate expire when I leave the Marines and become a veteran?

**A.** A VA-guaranteed home loan is generally good until it is used. However, the eligibility of service personnel is only available when they are

on active duty.

If they are discharged or released from active duty before using their entitlement, a new determination of eligibility must be made, based on length of service and the type of discharge received.

**If you have any questions regarding any of the information mentioned in this article, contact Ruth C. Bitzas, Veterans' Agent, Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236.**

(Next week: "Information On Persian Gulf Veterans.")

*Please remember our deadline is Sunday, Dec. 22nd at noon. We open at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday.*



Elm Street Fire Station, circa 1918

### Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum

Despite Agawam's rich and varied history there has never been a museum in town to house and protect its historical treasures. Many Agawam families have held historic artifacts for generations waiting for such a time. With the recent dedication of the new Fire Department Headquarters on Main Street, the old fire house on Elm Street has been secured for use as a town historical museum.

After serving the town since 1918, the building must be renovated and adapted to its new use. The Agawam Historical Association asks your support for this worthwhile endeavor. Please consider membership in the Historical Association. We are also accepting direct contributions to our Museum Fund. Please fill out the information requested and return with your contribution to the Agawam Historical Association, Post Office Box 552, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001. Thank you for your support!

#### AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 1996-1997 DUES SCHEDULE

New members submitting applications will be entitled to full membership through May, 1998.

___ Student	\$ 5.00
___ Senior Citizen (62+ yrs.)	\$ 10.00
___ Individual	\$ 15.00
___ Family	\$ 20.00
___ Patron	\$100.00*

\*Patrons will be listed in the Historical Assoc. Annual Report.

#### AGAWAM HISTORICAL & FIRE HOUSE MUSEUM FUND

Cash or in-kind donations of any size will be gratefully accepted. Major contributors' names (\$250 or more) will be engraved on a plaque which will be permanently placed in the museum. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

___ Chief's Circle (\$1,000 +)
___ Captain's Society (\$500 +)
___ Volunteer Society (\$250 +)
___ \$_____ other (please fill in amount)

If you are interested in providing services to aid in the planning and refurbishing of the Elm Street Fire House, please contact Historical Association President Rick Bellico at (413) 568 9147 extension 224.

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## Families

### Christmas Bazaar At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME held its Annual Christmas Bazaar recently. IN TOP PHOTO, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus were on hand to greet shoppers, residents and staff; IN PHOTO BELOW, Sandy Tavernier was selling decorative holiday wreaths. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME held its Annual Christmas Bazaar recently. IN TOP PHOTO, Assistant Activity Director Lisa Parent (West Building) is all smiles with resident Jane Delay. IN PHOTO BELOW, Lisa Tseka was selling holiday wreaths. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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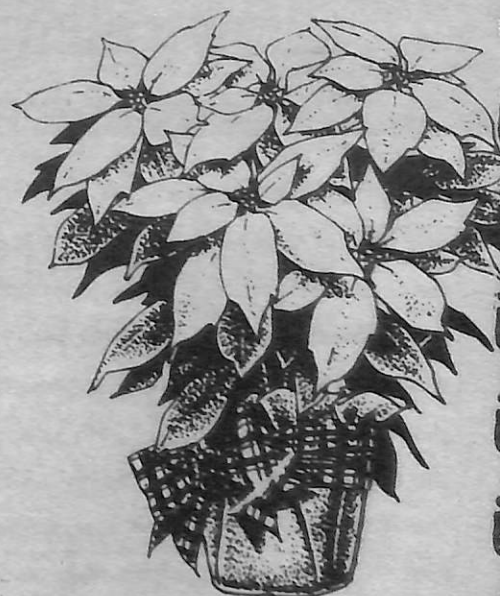
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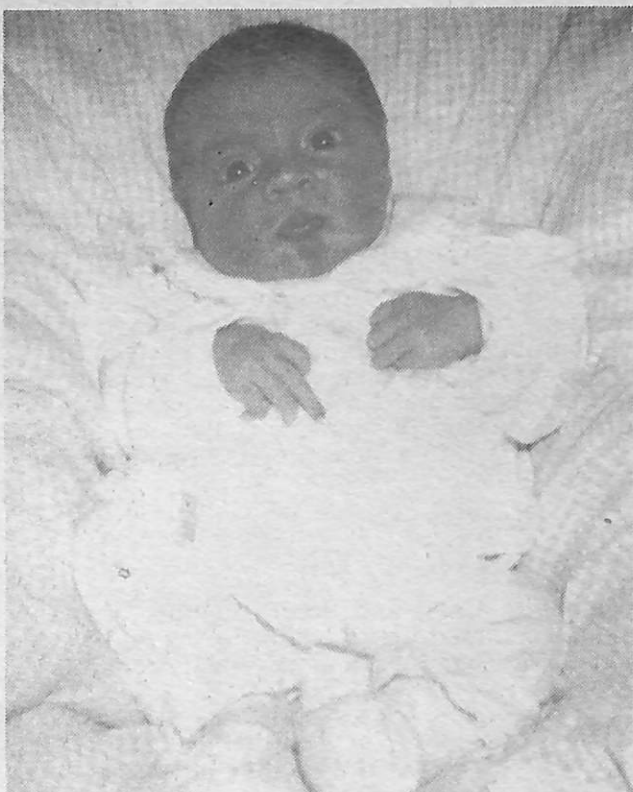
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JESSICA C. IMPOCO

## The Impoco Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Jessica C.

Anthony & Christine Impoco are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Jessica Catherine Impoco. She was born on November 11, 1996, weighing nine pounds, 14½ ounces, and measuring 21 inches long.

Jessica has a big brother, Joseph, who is 1½ years-old.

Grandparents are George & Nancy Hellquist and Sam & Joyce Impoco, all of whom are from Feeding Hills. Jessica also has a great-grandfather, Joseph Impoco of Springfield.

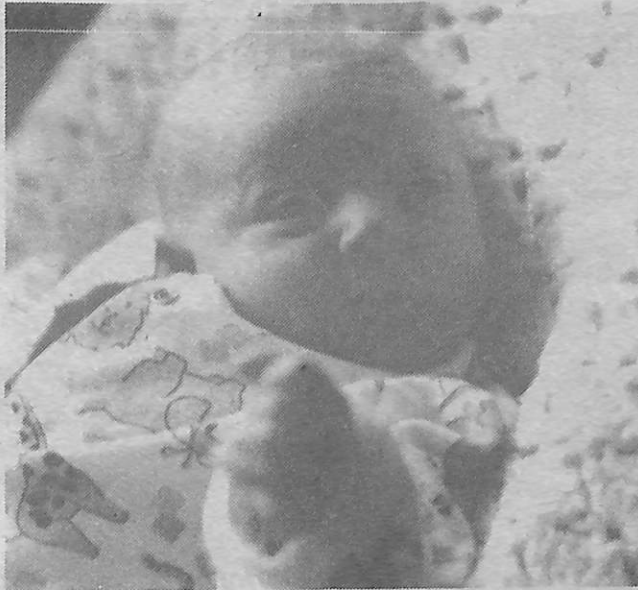
## Pheasant Hill Social Club Holds Annual Christmas Party

The Pheasant Hill Social Club had its annual Christmas party on December 6th in the Sky Lark Room with an attendance of 50 people.

Frank Paradiso, Past President of the Social Club, conducted the meeting.

Chairlady Bea Franks was in charge of the festival, and her committee was comprised of Grace Kinney, Jane Hreschuk, and Rose Mezzetti.

Plenty of refreshments and entertainment were enjoyed throughout the evening.



JUDE P. GIORDANO

## Jude P. Giordano Second Child Of Rick & Heather

Ricky Giordano (22 months) would like to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Jude Patrick Giordano, to the family.

Jude was born at 9:39 a.m. November 15th. He weighed in at seven pounds, seven ounces with a 20-inch reach.

Parental referees for the boys are Heather & Rick Giordano of North Street, Feeding Hills. Front row judging will be provided by grandparents Don & Eleanor McCaney of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Fred & Linda Giordano of Agawam.



ALICIA N. DICIOCCIO



JAKE M. BRADWAY and his big sister, Jordyn.

## Bradway Family Announces Birth Of 2nd Child, Jake M.

Jordyn Bradway, along with her parents, Kevin & Sue Bradway, are proud to announce the birth of Jake Michael.

Jake was born on November 11th at 6:25 a.m. He weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Joseph & Barbara Shayda of Agawam and Helen Bradway, also of Agawam.

## The DiCioccio Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Alicia N.

Alicia Nicole DiCioccio of 34 William Street, Feeding Hills, was born on August 20, 1996 at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA.

Her parents are Michael and Kristin (Gagne) DiCioccio.

Her maternal grandparents are Charles & Miriam Assad of Feeding Hills, and James & Kitty Gagne of Springfield. Her paternal grandmother is Sandra Moreland of Torrington, CT. She is also the great-granddaughter of Joan Danford of Agawam.

"Ali" weighed five pounds, six ounces, and was 17½ inches long.

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AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE member Rita Ducharme presents a check to Richard Bellico (center), president of the Agawam Historical Association, and John Zebryk, vice-president, for the planned Agawam Historical and Fire Museum. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Historic Fire Museum Gets Donation From Chamber

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce has contributed \$1,500 to Agawam's proposed new Historical and Fire Museum and joins the "Chief's Circle" category of contributor. Any individual or organization contributing \$1,000 or more qualifies for the "Chief's Circle" category and will have its name engraved on a plaque to be installed in the museum.

Other special categories of contributors are "Captain's Circle" (\$500 or more) and "Volunteer Society" (over \$250). The Chamber joins the Agawam Cultural Council as the second entrant to the "Chief's Circle."

Denise Vogel, President of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, said that the Agawam Chamber is committed to a close working relationship between business and the educational objectives of the community at large. As part of that commitment, she said, "We are pleased to be an early supporter of the proposed new Museum. Not only will it preserve a landmark building, but it will bring into being an important cultural asset which the town does not now have."

Rusty Jenks, retired Agawam Fire Chief and Board member of the Agawam Historical Association, welcomed the Chamber to the "Chief's Circle" of contributor and thanked the Agawam Chamber for its contribution.

He went on to say, "In addition to the Chamber's support, I am pleased to observe that a number of individual members of the Chamber are also separately active members of the Historical Association itself and serve in a leadership capacity."

The Historical Association is in the midst of a fund drive to raise \$25,000 to renovate the former Elm Street Fire Station into a Historical and Fire Museum. It is seeking new members to aid in this undertaking and is soliciting individual contributions which can be sent to The Agawam Historical Association, P.O. Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001.

For more information, contact Rick Bellico at (413) 568-9147, ext. 224.

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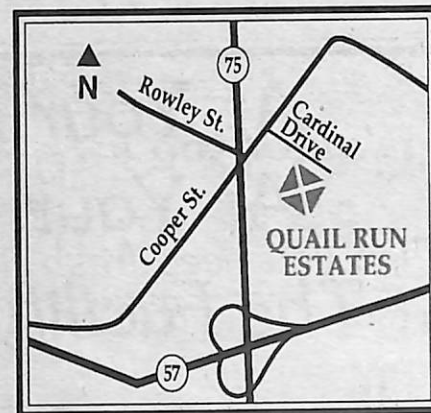
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MR. &amp; MRS. CLINTON BRIDGE

## Kimberly M. Disco Becomes Bride Of Clinton Bridge

Kimberly M. Disco of Springfield, daughter of Frank & Rose Marie Disco of Feeding Hills, wed Clinton Bridge of Springfield, son of John & Linda Bridge of Enfield, CT, at Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield on October 12, 1996 at 5:30 p.m. Father David Joyce performed the ceremony.

Erika Van Steenberg was the maid of honor, and David Gasparini served as the best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and New Hampshire College. She is presently the general manager of Fleagane Enterprises.

The bridegroom graduated from Enfield High School and attended Asnuntuck Community College. He is employed as a dry wall installer.

## American Legion Auxiliaries Hold National Gift Shops

Gift shops were recently held at Northampton VA and Holyoke Nursing Home for Veterans by Districts 3 and 2. For the past 40 years, American Legion Auxiliaries have been donating gifts for veterans and families.

How is it done? We buy and donate (at no cost to the veterans), and it is done by our quota membership. On a specified day, they are brought up and set up in store fashion. Volunteers help select gifts for their families, wrap, and mail out if they live a distance away.

Our veterans look forward to this event every year. Our District Hampden County Director this year is Debbie Baker for Holyoke Nursing Home. Mrs. Maria Martin and Peg Kachon are chairwomen for the Northampton VA hospital, and Peg Brown (Past Director) was chairwoman for her Agawam Unit (185) for Northampton.

Happy holidays and thank you to all members of the Units!

## Christmas Dinner Being Sponsored By Open Pantry Dec. 25

Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., a community service agency which provides shelter, social work advocacy, daily meals, and emergency groceries to the poor and homeless, will hold its 12th annual Christmas Day Dinner at 12:00 noon at the Springfield Civic Center on December 25, 1996.

Anyone who would like to share in this community meal is welcome to attend, and there is no admission fee. Transportation to the Civic Center can be arranged for people unable to get there on their own. If a ride is needed, please call 737-5354 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any contributions of desserts (pies, cakes, and cookies) and fruit will be greatly appreciated. The food items may be dropped off at the Civic Center after 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Financial donations may be sent to the Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101-5127.



ROBYN SCHERMERHORN &amp; BRIAN BEAUMIER

## Robyn Schermerhorn And Brian Beaumier Announce Engagement

Robyn Lynn Schermerhorn and Brian Keith Beaumier are happy to announce their engagement. An August 1997 wedding is planned.

Robyn, the daughter of Janice Schermerhorn of 21 Barn Road, Agawam, and the late Robert Schermerhorn, is a graduate of Agawam High School. Brian is a graduate of Northampton Technical High School.

Robyn also graduated from Holyoke Community College and Westfield State College. She currently works at the Christmas Tree Shops and substitute teaches at Woodland School in Southwick.

Brian served for eight years in the Special Order branch of the Army. He currently works as a technician at Hillside Electronics in Worthington.

**EARLY DEADLINE:** Our deadline for our Annual Christmas edition is Sunday, Dec. 22nd at noontime. We will be working all day on Saturday, and we open at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday.

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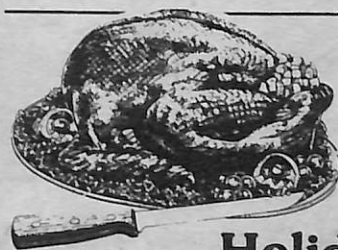
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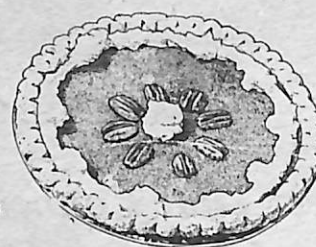
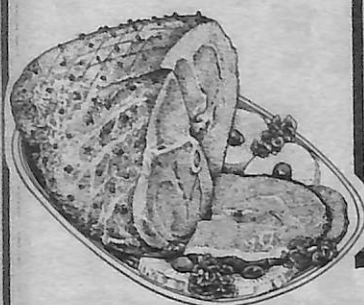
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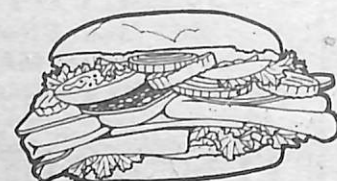
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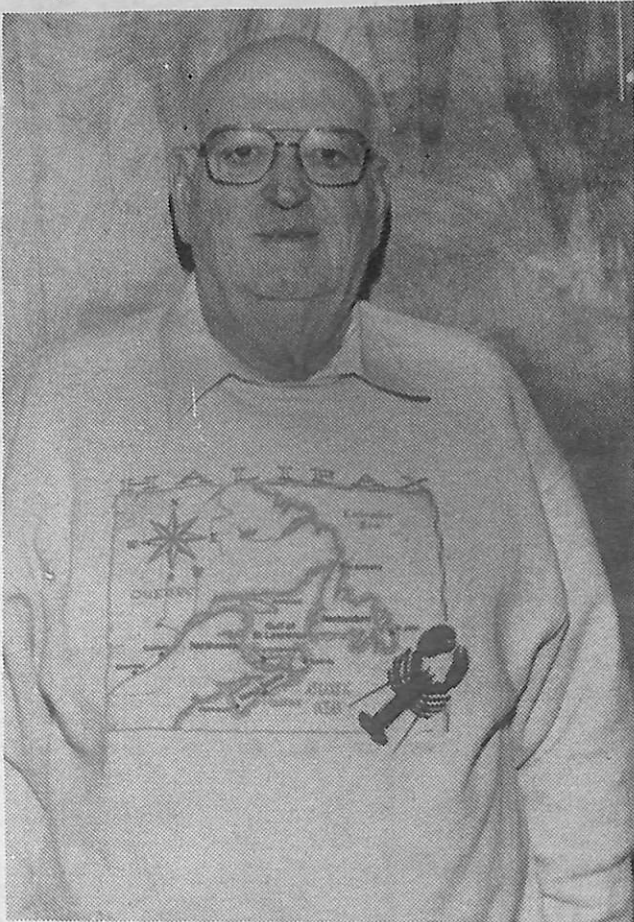
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CHARLES H. HEYL

### Meet Your Council On Aging... Charles H. Heyl

Charlie Heyl, a 31-year Agawam resident, was a teacher in the Agawam school system for 25 years. After retirement, he started the CHH Engraving Company.

He is an active Rotarian and State Director of the Awards & Recognition Association. His desire to improve services for Agawam's senior citizens led him to seek appointment to the Agawam Council on Aging.

He is chairperson of the COA Agawam Golf Tournament Committee and the COA/Friends Committee.

### Atty. Robert Gordon Appointed To Bar Association Section

Agawam resident Robert A. Gordon has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association president Kenneth J. Vacovec to serve on the association's criminal justice section council.

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You are invited to attend the annual New Year's Eve party at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, December 31st.

A prime rib dinner will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a wine toast to welcome in the new year. Reservations may be made with Christa at 786-0143, or at the Club at 786-0924. Deadline for reservations is December 26th.

There will be music for every age group. In the Siever Hall (large hall), we will have the sounds of the "After Hours" D.J. In the Astaldi Hall (lower level), we will have Ed Hendela playing. Hats and noisemakers will be available for all.

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, December 23rd:** Hot dog on a roll, macaroni salad, baked beans, fresh fruit.

**Tuesday, December 24th:** 9:00 a.m. brunch — orange juice, Belgian waffle with strawberries, maple syrup, sausage, fruit cup.

**Wednesday, December 25th:** Merry Christmas! (Senior Center closed.)

**Thursday, December 26th:** Tomato and rice soup, chicken cutlet on a roll, tomato and lettuce, tapioca pudding.

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## Agawam Jr. Women's Club Issues Hints About Warning Signs Of Child Abuse & Neglect

Please note that there are many warning signs of child abuse and neglect, but no single factor is necessarily conclusive. It's the combination of warning signs that should cause one to be concerned. An abused and/or neglected child generally:

- \* Displays welts or other skin injuries.
- \* Wears dirty or inappropriate clothes for the weather.
- \* Appears unwashed and unclean.
- \* Exhibits severely abnormal eating habits.
- \* Begs or steals food.

\* Shows extreme behavior; i.e., is unusually aggressive or destructive, or extremely passive and withdrawn, or may cry excessively, or else shows no response to pain or pleasure.

\* Acts unusually adultlike or exactly the reverse.

- \* Seems unduly afraid of parents.
- \* Is often tired and without energy.
- \* Is consistently unpleasant and hard to get along with, or overly demanding and always a source of trouble.
- \* Is habitually absent from or late to school (often because the parent waits for physical evidence of abuse to disappear).
- \* Engages in frequent vandalism, sexual misconduct, or use of alcohol or drugs.
- \* Shows severely retarded physical or mental growth.

### SIGNS OF AN ABUSING PARENT:

- \* Seems to trust no one.
- \* Refuses or else offers farfetched or contradictory explanations about his or her child's injuries.
- \* Reacts extremely to child's injuries by either overreacting (becomes hostile when questioned)

or underreacting (seems unconcerned about child's condition).

- \* Reacts with excessive impatience to child's crying.
- \* Seldom touches or looks at child.
- \* Lacks control.
- \* Expects or demands behavior beyond child's years.
- \* Appears isolated from normal human relationships such as friends, family, relatives, neighbors, and community groups.
- \* Appears to be misusing alcohol or drugs.
- \* Can never be located.

This message is brought to you by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the GFWC of Massachusetts.

## Jr. Women's Ornament Makes Nice Stuffer For Christmas Stocking

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be presenting their sixth ornament in a series depicting historical sites in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

This year's ornament will feature the Agawam Fire Department's Station No. 3, the very first permanent fire station in Agawam Center. The station was actually built in 1918. In 1996, Station No. 3 officially closed, but plans are being made to convert the station into a fire and historic museum.

The ornament features Station No. 3 with incredible detail on a molded antique bronze medallion, surrounded by a holly wreath. The Agawam Junior Women's Club hopes to make citizens more aware of the history contained right here in our own community. This beautiful ornament is a great place to start a collection or a perfect addition to an already established one.

The ornaments are now available for a \$5 donation. Proceeds will be used for community service projects. They can be purchased at The Corner Deli, The Feeding Hills Public Market, The Agawam Public Market, and Surprise! Card & Gift Shop. They can also be ordered by calling Pam at 789-3274 or Betty at 786-4357.

Our first ornament in 1991 featured The Captain Charles Leonard House and is sold out. Our 1993 ornament featuring the old Agawam High School is also sold out. There is a limited supply of 1992 featuring the Old Agawam Center Library, 1994 featuring the Anne Sullivan Memorial, and 1995 featuring the Riverside Carousel Horse. If you have an interest in any of these ornaments, please call Betty at 786-4357.

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# Church News

## Bazaar Held At Ag. Congregational



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LOOKING OVER ONE OF THE tables with items for sale at the Agawam Congregational Church Bazaar are, from left - Myrtle Davilli, Ginny Dodge, Doris Kistner, and Natalie Whitmarsh. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Advent Series To Conclude With Christmas Carolling

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To share this Advent joy, the group will be carolling at Quail Run at 6:30 p.m. prior to the study meeting.

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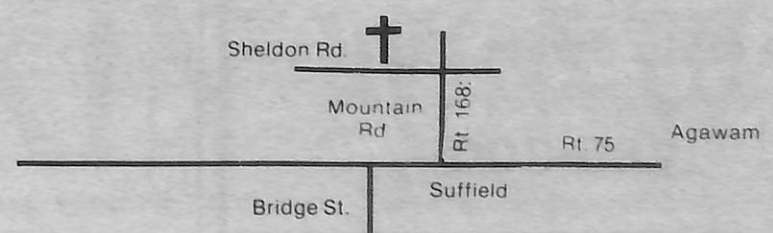
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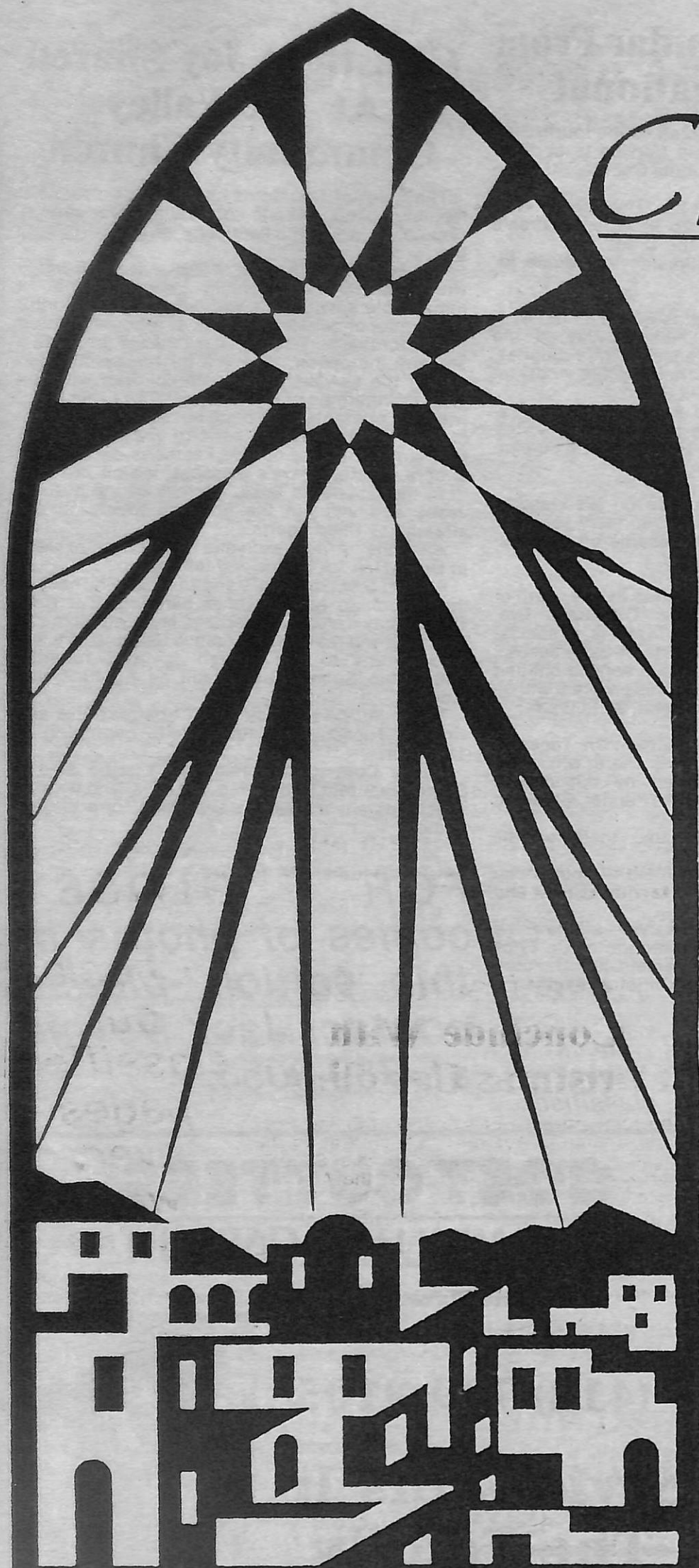


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## Christmas Services

### December 24

11:00 a.m.

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For those unable to take part in the evening service. Transportation provided please call 786-6133 to schedule a ride if needed.

### Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m.

*Children's and Family*

*Communion Service.*

*Music and Children's Message.*

*Setting of Creche Figures and*

*Cherub Choir*

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11:00 p.m.

*Candlelight Communion Service*

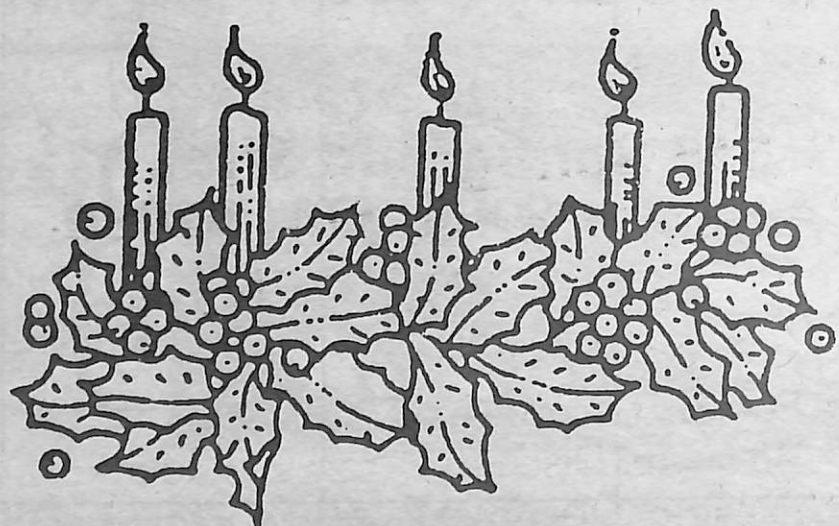
*Senior Choir*

### Christmas Day

9:00 a.m.

*Holy Communion Service.*

*Message with Carol Singing*



#### Christmas Day The Christ Candle

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Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-16



## Church News - continued...

News And Notes From  
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. Morning worship, which will include the lighting of the fourth Advent candle, begins at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Donaldson will give a sermon entitled, "Will You Hold Me?"

Children are welcome to attend the service with their parents, leaving at a designated time for a special project. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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There will be two Christmas Eve services at this church on Tuesday, December 24th. The first will be a family style service at 7:00 p.m. The second, more traditional in style, will begin at 11:00 p.m.

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For 95 years, contributions to the Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross — later augmented by the emergency fund — have brought good to our clergy and widowed spouses, particularly in retirement. The power to continue this tradition is in your hands.

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Our special collection for Veterans of the Cross will occur this Sunday, December 22nd, and on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th.

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Elaine will not be in the office from Monday, December 23rd, to Friday, December 27th.

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On the calendar:

**Sunday, December 22nd:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; Veterans of the Cross Collection; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

**Tuesday, December 24th:** 7:00 p.m., Family Worship Service; 11:00 p.m., Traditional Worship Service.

**Wednesday, December 25th:** Merry Christmas!

Community Invited To Participate  
In Christmas Eve Service

The doors of Valley Community Church are open to everyone on Christmas Eve as the world celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. The candlelight service begins at 11:00 p.m. and includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.

If you presently do not have a church home but feel the need to attend a worship service during the Christmas season, we warmly invite you to join us.

Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church and is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Weekly Calendar From  
Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, December 22nd, is the fourth Sunday of Advent. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "The Lord is With You," taken from Luke 1:26-38. The children's message will be "Signs of the Cross."

Join us at the Worship Service to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

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There is no Midweek Service on Wednesday, December 25th, or Wednesday, January 1st.

The Midweek Service will resume on Wednesday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

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A Christmas Pageant presented by the youth of the church will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m. This is a special youth program retelling the birth of Baby Jesus.

Please join us for this special service entitled "A Barn Child." Rehearsal for this program will be held on Saturday, December 21st, at 1:00 p.m.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** — On Tuesday, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m., there will be a Christmas Pageant presented by our church youth under the direction of Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director.

At 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., there will be candlelight services.

At 7:00 p.m., the service will feature our young adults as readers during the service of light and carols.

The 11:00 p.m. candlelight service will have the Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Dr. Erick Parris, Minister of Music, Organist/Choir Director, and feature several beautiful Christmas anthems.

Christmas Joy Shared  
At The Valley  
Community Church

The Spirit of Christmas can be felt throughout members and friends of Valley Community Church as we enthusiastically await Christmas Day.

The celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday with our Sunday Worship Service. What a remarkable service this will be! Both the Junior and Senior choirs have been busy rehearsing their music for this service (and if overheard rehearsals are any indication, they will be fantastic). Also during the service, the church children will perform a Christmas musical called "The Little Star" which is guaranteed to bring out the child in each of us. The children will perform under the direction (and patience) of Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora. Pastor Steve's message, which is taken from the Gospel of Luke, foretells of the birth of Jesus and will put the finishing touch on our already joy-filled hearts.

After the service, everyone is welcome to meet in Dunn Hall for coffee and fellowship.

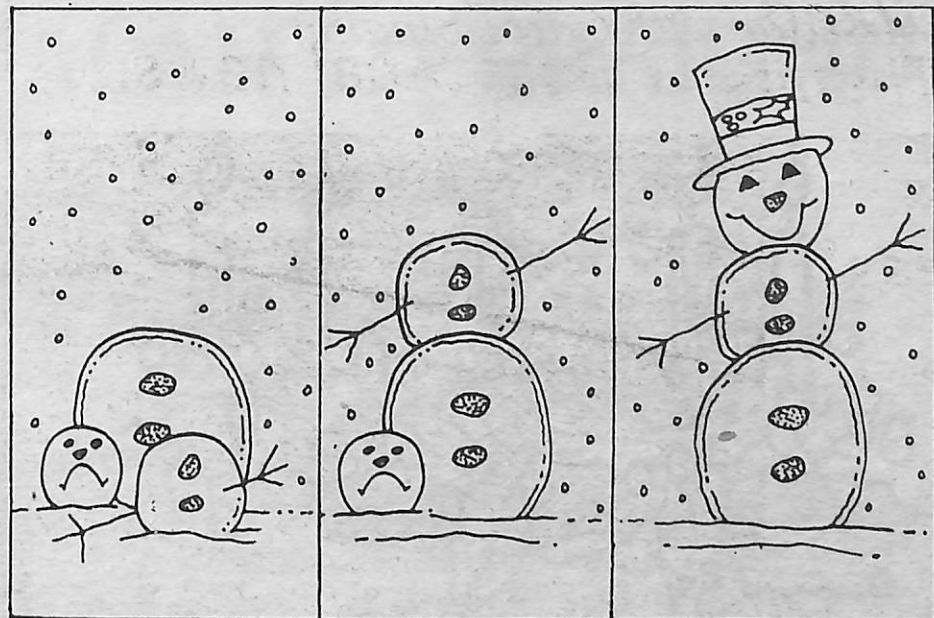
At 2:00 p.m., members and friends will meet at the church to go Christmas caroling. Everyone will joyfully carpool to Heritage Nursing Home to join staff and residents in festive caroling. We will then return to the church for our monthly Fellowship Supper, which will be pot-luck this month.

There will be a candlelight Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24th, beginning at 11:00 p.m.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, and warmly welcomes anyone who is searching for a church home.

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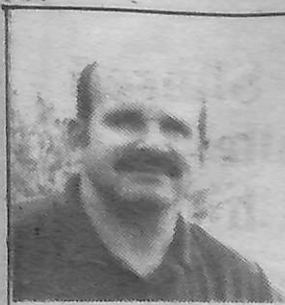
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## Reflections...

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## The Perfect Christmas Gift

Prediction: before a week goes by, somebody is going to ask you, "What did you get for Christmas?" The question may be phrased, "What did Santa bring you?"

Even now, as the countdown to Christmas gets underway in earnest, the pressure builds to find and buy "the perfect gift" for your loved one. Merchants, one and all, are only too happy to help us in our quest.

Somehow, the extended hours and endless sales aren't enough. Each year, it is the same story; many of us struggle with Christmas.

Is this really what Christmas is all about? When people speak of the "Christmas spirit" or the "holiday spirit," is this what they have in mind? Maybe it is no accident that Christmas and New Year's are separated by a week, during which people can relax from the anxieties of the season. We need a break from the craziness we impose on ourselves and others.

In the hectic frenzy of the holidays, it is easy to miss the entire point of what Christmas is all about. In our hearts, we know that there must be more to Christmas than more and more "stuff" being exchanged between people.

What is the real meaning of Christmas? Some people may have become so turned off by the commercialization of Christmas, demonstrated by the fact that more than one-third of all retail sales are Christmas-related, that they mistakenly think there really is no meaning to Christmas after all.

But there is a meaning to Christmas, and as it happens, it does have to do with "the perfect gift."

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The perfect gift we aspire to give (as well as receive) cannot be found in any store. It cannot be made by human hands.

The perfect gift, the gift which can satisfy our deepest longings and greatest desires, is available from God alone. The perfect gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

Jesus said: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

We don't have to wait until we die to receive this gift from God, because the eternal life God wants to give us is supposed to begin now.

The perfect gift from God produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in us. What can be better than that? Can you think of anything else which can consistently do all that for you?

There is nothing else on earth like it! When we stop to think about it, is there anything any of us could want more than God's gift of eternal life?

As with any gift from anybody, we have to receive it if we are going to have it. If somebody were to place a gift you really wanted under the Christmas tree, all wrapped up and tagged with your name, it wouldn't be yours unless you picked the present up.

The same is true with the perfect gift of God. It has been delivered. It has your name on it, because you are among the "everyone" Jesus spoke about.

But you must pick it up. Receive God's Christmas present for you and have a truly Merry Christmas!

## Christmas Eve Services At Agawam Congregational Church

On Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), at 5:00 p.m., there will be a Christmas Pageant presented by our church youth under the direction of Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director.

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## Weekly Message From Ag. Methodist Church Concerns Christmas

For us, the focus of the Christmas season is always the Birth of Christ. The name Emmanuel means "God with us." There has been given to human beings and the rest of the world no better gift than that of becoming aware of God's presence with us.

Think for a moment of the vastness of creation. Think in terms of the most recent discoveries in relation to space and the journey into space, with the human being in search of other living beings. The sense of loneliness can be overwhelming, especially for those whose search is merely scientific and materialistic.

Then consider for a while the forces that brought all that we know into being, and the source of responsibility behind and in front of it all. Isn't it frightening to know that we do not have it all at our fingertips, or that we cannot adequately manipulate what is there? What is responsible? Our knowledge is cold and inarticulate.

John says in the beginning was the word. That is the power; the presence; the creativeness; the driving force; the design/designer; the abolition of loneliness ... it being with God. But it was God!

It is so difficult to convince people that we are not alone in the universe. That God is there. "The word became flesh and dwelt among us" is of the essence and significance of Christmas. If only we could or would convey this fact to the lonely, the fearful, the impatient, and others in need of this sense of companionship with God; that through the coming of his son Jesus into the world, God has come to us, and walks with us, and lives with us, we would have shared with others the best gift of all.

Oh yes, we can give one of the \$900 toys that is today making headlines, or enough money to pay all the debts or help someone to the greatest fame. Yet, it is still possible that the sense of loneliness, the fear of the unknown and tomorrow, remains to become the most treacherous, dangerous, and disturbing factor in the lives of such people.

Suicides, murders, abandonments, family disintegration, alcoholism, rape, and many of the other social problems which plague society today, can be traced to the common spiritual root — the absence of God in the thoughts and affairs of the human race.

Hence, loneliness in its extreme leads to all forms of escape. We have tried through the use and outcome of social sciences, which is helpful, but that is not enough. Mankind must seek the companionship of a God who is available and accessible in Jesus — the Emmanuel!

Merry Christmas to all.

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Please join us at Agawam United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. for worship and Children's Christmas pageantry.

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Services on Christmas Eve will be at 7:00 p.m. (candlelight) and 11:00 p.m. (candlelight with communion).

**Early Deadline:  
 Sunday, Dec. 22nd  
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## Celebration Of Christmas At First Baptist Church

There will be two services of worship on Christmas Eve this year at First Baptist Church. The first will be held at 7:00 p.m. for family worship, and the second will begin at 11:00 p.m.

Both services will be led by Christian Education Director Tim Deik.

They will be filled with holiday music, congregational singing, and related scripture readings by members of the Board of Deacons.

The services will end with our traditional candlelighting ceremony.

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At this Sunday's worship service at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "The Gift of Myrrh," with scriptural text from Luke 7. Special seasonal music will be offered by the choir.

A social time will then be held in Davis Hall, with classes for all ages following until 11:45 a.m.

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At 7:00 p.m., the fourth and final meeting in the Advent series will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church, a joint effort with our church. This week's topic deals with "Exchange/Sharing" and will be led by Pastor Barnes and CE Director Deik.

The series, entitled "Which Way to the Manger ... A Journey Worth Taking," has been held for the past three Sunday evenings in cooperation with the Agawam Congregational Church.

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You are always welcome to attend any event at the First Baptist Church, corner of Elm & Main Streets. The members and friends of that church wish you a blessed Christmas.

## Christmas Masses For St. Theresa Church & St. Anthony Church

### St. Theresa's Parish

**Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve:**

\* 5:00 p.m. Mass. At this Mass, the annual Christmas Pageant will be presented by the children of both St. Theresa's and St. Anthony's Parishes.

\* At 11:45 p.m., Christmas carols will be sung by everyone (both the choir and the faithful) prior to Midnight Mass.

\* 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass. This will be sung by the choir with Vincent Govoni as director.

**Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day:**

\* 11:00 a.m., Mass with Christmas carols.

### St. Anthony's Parish

**Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve:**

\* 4:00 p.m. Mass.

**Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day:**

\* 9:00 a.m. Mass.

At both Christmas Masses, the parish choir will sing with Joanne Beltrandi as director. The faithful will also participate in the hymns.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Masses celebrating the Solemnity of the Birth of the Christ Child.

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## Spotlight On Business

### Long Tradition Of Excellence At Ag. Public Market

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The **Agawam Public Market** is Agawam Center's equivalent of a country store, according to owner Jerry Coderre. "We carry everything," he said, "but not a lot of it."

The store, located at 768 Main Street (between the First Baptist Church and George & Green Real Estate), is much more than a convenience store, but not a supermarket. It is an outgrowth of the old country store and has been here a long time. It caters to many customers of long standing.

Located within walking distance of elderly housing, Jerry says his customers range from neighborhood kids to business people stopping in on their way home from work. Some also come to play the lottery.

"The store has long been noted for its high quality meat," Jerry said in a recent interview, "but there is also fresh produce, groceries, health aids and cosmetics, paper goods, frozen foods, and cold beverages."

Although there are two check-outs, one seldom has to wait long for service. The staff will carry out packages to the car (if necessary) since baskets cannot be wheeled out because of three steps at the entrance.

There is a large deli with such foods as baked beans, barbecued ribs, meatballs in sauce, stuffed peppers, as well as many salads. There are cookies sold by the pound, seasonal plants and flowers, and greeting cards.

Jerry's wife, Noella, works at the store, and Pauline Ceria, Noella's sister, manages the store on Thursday to allow Jerry a day off. Other employees include butchers Pat O'Connor, Vinnie Paradise, and Arthur Bernier. Also behind the meat counter are June Boissonnault, Ann Allsop, Brian Wolfe, and Jerry's son, Jeffrey.

Other employees include Shirley Chechile, Helen Walsh, Lisa Ferioli, Lori Bryskiewicz, Sarah Fede, Cynthia O'Connor, and Dan Gaynor.

#### Specialties For Each Holiday...

There are specialties for each holiday, such as poinsettias and cemetery logs for Christmas, and corned beef and corned spare ribs for St. Patrick's Day. A variety of tasty pies and baked goods arrive at the store three times a week.

Jerry and Noella have owned the store for 16 years. A native of the Aldenville section of Chicopee, Jerry graduated from Holyoke Trade High School and got a job at Waxler's Food Market in Holyoke. He worked there for 13 years before buying the market, which he operated for 11 more years. He said that the neighborhood deteriorated and he sold out. He bought the **Agawam Public Market** in 1980 from Agawam resident Phillip Cardone. Phil's family had operated the store for 49 years.

There had been a store on the premises since the mid-1800's. A building was erected at the site in 1859 by Edward and Stephen Bodurtha. A back room was a cobbler's shop in the late 1860's, according to Agawam historian Edith LaFrancis.

Later, Meshack Ball and others rented it for a meat market, according to Mrs. LaFrancis. The building was used at different times for such things as a singing school, private school, prayer meetings, and for town meetings. In fact, John Leonard made molasses candy in basement.

SEE PUBLIC MARKET - Page 28...



**AGAWAM PUBLIC MARKET** is located at 768 Main Street, Agawam (next to the Agawam First Baptist Church). IN PHOTO BELOW, owner and operator Jerry Coderre is pictured with employees Pauline Ceria, Brian Wolfe, and Helen Walsh. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Michael J. Jawitz, MD

### Agawam Family Physicians


#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective January 17, 1997, our office will no longer be able to provide primary care pediatrics to children 14 years of age and under.

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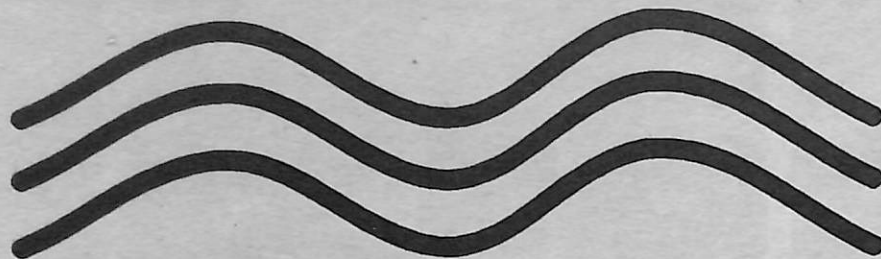
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Saturday 10:00 - 10:45 am (swim only)

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...



RAYMOND E. BERTHIAUME received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Home Builders Association of Western Mass. From left - Raymond E. LaPlante, selection committee chairman, Raymond E. Berthiaume, and Barry J. Christman, president, Home Builders. IN NEXT PHOTO. Raymond is pictured with his family, Thomas, Blair, and his wife, Alice.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MORE MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDLY STAFF of Agawam Public Market, from left - Cynthia O'Connor, Pat O'Connor, Vin Paradise, June Boissonault, and Jeffrey Coderre. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Raymond E. Berthiaume Recognized With "Lifetime Achievement" by Home Builders

For 45 years of dedicated service, Raymond E. Berthiaume of Agawam received the Home Builders Association of Western Massachusetts annual Lifetime Achievement Award in a special ceremony that was held on Friday, December 13th at Chez Josef.

The Award Selection Committee noted that as a member, an association leader, and most recently, Sales Director of the "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show, Berthiaume has left an indelible imprint upon the organization. Committee Chair Raymond E. Laplante praised the efforts of Berthiaume, stating that "Throughout almost half a century of involvement with this group, whatever you asked him to do, he would do 110 percent and then be sure to see if anything else needed to be done. It couldn't go to a nicer guy."

Berthiaume was born and raised in Springfield, left to serve in the Army during World War II, and returned here shortly thereafter. His involvement with the Home Builders Association began in 1952 when he began work for associate member Hoffman Paint on Chestnut Street.

During his tenure he has been involved with many committees and has held every leadership position available to an associate member. In 1961, Berthiaume received the Springfield association's first Man of the Year award, in recognition of his almost 10 years of service; and in 1965, he received it again for his "outstanding contributions to the progress of the association..." Berthiaume was also the first

associate member from the association to win the Associate Member of the Year award from the Home Builders Association of Massachusetts.

In 1987, Berthiaume chose to retire from Hoffman Paint, which also signaled his departure from the membership. In leaving the association as a member, he had done it all, and had done it well.

A few months after Berthiaume's retirement, the association assumed complete responsibility for the "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show and urged him to become the first Sales Director. Berthiaume was able to call upon his years of experience in sales and his contacts in the home building industry, and used them to begin to change and improve the home show. Above all else, he sought to keep the excitement and pep of "show business" alive and well in this important annual event.

Some refer to the profession of sales as a "game," and if that is so, then the Home Builders Association of Western Massachusetts has been the stadium for one of the game's MVPs for a long, long time. As the 1996 Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon Berthiaume at the association's 1996 Christmas Dinner-Dance, the Home Builders Association of Western Massachusetts will not only be marking the achievements of a long-time associate member, volunteer leader, and staff member, it will be marking the events of a long, distinguished era in this association's history, events made successful by his participation, his enthusiasm, and his positive energy.

## AG. PUBLIC MARKET - from Page 26...

This building was moved to Central Street to be used as a home. A new building was erected on the Main Street site to contain a food market and a post office, with separate front entrances. The building was purchased by C.W. Hastings in 1879 and his name was over the entrance.

The popular landmark was purchased by Joseph and Bertha Cardone in the 1930's, and their son, Phillip, and his wife, Cecelle, assumed it in 1970 and ran it for 10 years, selling to the present owners in 1980.

At some time, the post office moved to the building currently housing the George & Green Real Estate office, and still later, a post office was built next to Ryan's Drug Store (down the street) before the current post office was built on Suffolk Street.

The second front entrance to the public market was closed to make way for freezers, but the three steps remain and are used to display plants during much of the year.

Jerry seems to be happy where he's at and does not intend to enlarge the store. He likes the country store atmosphere, and he said with a grin, "We've just come through our best year ever!"

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...



**CUTTING THE RIBBON** with the staff (Mary Ann, Jen, Melissa, and Vicki) of Salon Tres Chic in the Twin Silos Complex on Suffield Street are State Rep. Daniel Keenan (left), Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (center), and Town Councilor George Bitzas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Landry, Lyons, & White Appoints New Sales Associate In F.H.


Laurence D. Landry of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company/Better Homes and Gardens is pleased to announce that Mary Piquette-Malinski has joined the firm's Feeding Hills Office as a Sales Associate.

Mary has been in real estate since 1986. She has her CRS and GRI and is currently continuing to obtain her Management/Finance Degree at Westfield State. We are pleased that Mary has chosen LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co. to further her career in real estate.

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## Salon Très Chic Opens At Twin Silos Complex

**Salon Tres Chic** recently celebrated its grand opening at 1407 Suffield Street in the Twin Silos Complex.

Owner Mary Ann has over 26 years experience in hairdressing and cosmetology. She is originally from a Connecticut salon and is a 12-year resident of Agawam. She holds many certificates from leading cosmetic companies. Mary Ann has serviced many brides and bridal parties with hair, make-up, and nails. Mary Ann has held many make-over clinics for teens, the working woman, and special occasion looks.

Mary Ann is proud to have her daughters, Jen & Melissa on staff. Mary's Ann's two daughters are training with their mother to carry on the family's "love for the industry." "We thrive on our profession and our work is our play," Mary Ann said.

Jen is a graduate of Agawam High School. She is a former cheerleader and participated on the track and gymnastics teams. Jen is the former 1995 "Miss Agawam" and also held the title "Miss Connecticut Valley and Hometown Princess." She has danced for over 13 years and holds many awards. She is a graduate of the Kay Harvey Academy and is a licensed nail technician at **Salon Tres Chic**.

Jen is also a student at Springfield Technical Community College where she is working towards a degree in business management. She also trained with the artistic team of Paul Di Grigoli.

Melissa is a student at Agawam High. She has been active in dance classes since age three and holds many awards. Melissa is a member of the school's gymnastic and swim teams. She is a former "Miss Teen Agawam" and holds the title of "Miss Hometown Princess."

Melissa's future plans include starting at the Kay Harvey Academy in May to become a licensed nail technician. She is hoping to join her sister at **Salon Tres Chic** in creating exciting nails for customers. Melissa has a natural artistic flair and now designs add-on hair wraps at **Salon Tres Chic**.

Also on staff is Vicki Fontana. Vicki has been a local hairstylist for more than 26 years. She has a certificate in cosmetology from STCC and is presently working on a degree in business management.

**Salon Tres Chic** offers many services, including ear piercing by using the new invernness system. Through testing and surveys, this method has been demonstrated to be the safest.

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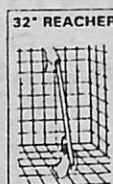
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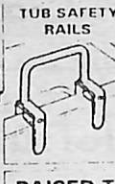


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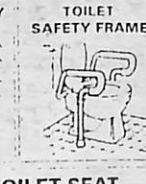


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## What Was This Pain???

Last week, I woke up and I could not move my neck at all without producing sharp, pinpoint pain. I did what many people do, especially this time of year with the holiday season — I ignored it. I just pretended it was not there and it would go away very soon. Well, it didn't.

The discomfort was quite annoying. Simple tasks proved to be very difficult, especially driving a car and turning my neck to see if anybody was coming the other way. Occasionally, I would forget about my neck and turn my head quickly ... ouch! ... a sharp pain would remind me of its presence.

What was this pain? What caused it? What did I do for it? The term we chiropractors use for this condition is a synovial tag: a piece of tissue around the joint gets caught in between the joint and produces a pinching, catching pain. The pain is increased when the joint is compressed, so when I moved my head in a certain position, it would pinch the tissue between the joint.

Anything can produce this type of pain; sleeping improperly, an erratic movement, and excessive tension in the muscles. I had a few patients come in with this condition after coming out of the shower and violently shaking their head to dry their hair (usually young males). This condition can create very acute pain, but the good thing is it usually resolves quickly WITH TREATMENT!

So, after three days of being in a great deal of discomfort and the condition not improving, I went to see one of my colleagues. It was incredible; after one adjustment and a little ultrasound therapy to relax the spasmed muscles, I was perfect!

It doesn't pay to suffer. The neat thing about chiropractic care is that I didn't take any drugs to get rid of the problem — we treated it naturally!

So, take it from me (who was reminded again about the wonders of chiropractic care), don't suffer with pain, get quality care with chiropractic!

**Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, in Feeding Hills. If you have any questions about chiropractic care, call our office at 786-4820.**

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## Drinking Can Be A Big Problem During Holidays

"Many persons who don't drink alcohol will find themselves taking a drink while partying during the holidays," said Dr. Michael J. Lemanski, medical director of Business and Health Occupational Medicine in Springfield, an affiliate of Baystate Health Systems.

Lemanski said to keep your holidays safe while at a party, don't drink more than one alcoholic beverage an hour, and limit your drinking to no more than two alcoholic beverages if you are driving.

He reminded party-goers that being "sociable" doesn't mean you have to drink alcohol.

"There are plenty of alternatives to alcohol. Order a non-alcohol beer or non-alcoholic sparkling champagne, a cola with a twist of lime, or even a healthy cranberry juice with a twist of lime," he said.

If you do choose to drink while at a party, make sure you eat something beforehand, Lemanski warned.

"Alcohol is absorbed into the bloodstream at a much higher rate when you have an empty stomach," he added.

Lemanski noted that persons who are on medication should read the directions carefully since mixing alcohol with some drugs can have an undesirable effect.

Also, if you are going out to a party with several friends, Lemanski suggested choosing a designated driver who will drink only soft beverages or juices.

"In addition to the serious harm you could cause some innocent person and yourself, if you are convicted of driving under the influence, you will likely spend between \$2,000 to \$5,000 in fines and insurance costs," Lemanski said.

Lemanski offers the following tips to persons hosting holiday parties:

- serve as a bartender and not leave open bottles around for people to help themselves
- have plenty of snacks and food available
- make non-alcoholic drinks available
- stop serving alcohol at least one hour before your party ends; and serve coffee, tea, or other light snacks before your guests leave
- don't let someone drive home who has had too much to drink.

"Remember, as party host, you can be held responsible for the actions of one of your guests who might have had too much to drink," noted Lemanski.

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## Your Back And Your Health

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## See A Chiropractor If You Happen To Fall On The Ice...

**Question:** A recent slip on a snow-covered walk found me lying flat on my back. My neck snapped, and I hurt for a while. Luckily, nothing was broken.

Now I'm starting to get neck pain with headaches. Not it seems that my fingers are falling asleep. Is this something I should see a chiropractor for?

**Answer:** Yes! Everyone knows how damaging a fall on the ice can be. You might suffer a concussion. It can cause an elderly person to break a hip or fracture an arm.

Less obvious is disturbance to the spinal vertebrae. What you are describing is a fall significant enough to damage supportive tissue and misalign spinal vertebrae. This compresses or pinches nerves that exit from the spine, resulting in headache and numbness in the arms/hands.

When vertebrae remain in an abnormal position for a period of time, they begin to heal that way. Splinting occurs, and the area becomes prone to degenerative changes and weakness. The longer you wait, the more difficult to correct.

If you understand the less obvious condition of misaligning the spine and its effect on your health, you're one step ahead! Once found, correction through appropriate chiropractic treatment may save you months or years of suffering!

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## Volunteers Sought To Make Holidays Happy For Shut-Ins

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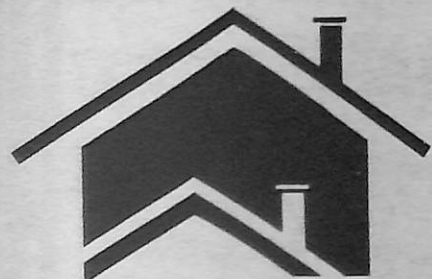
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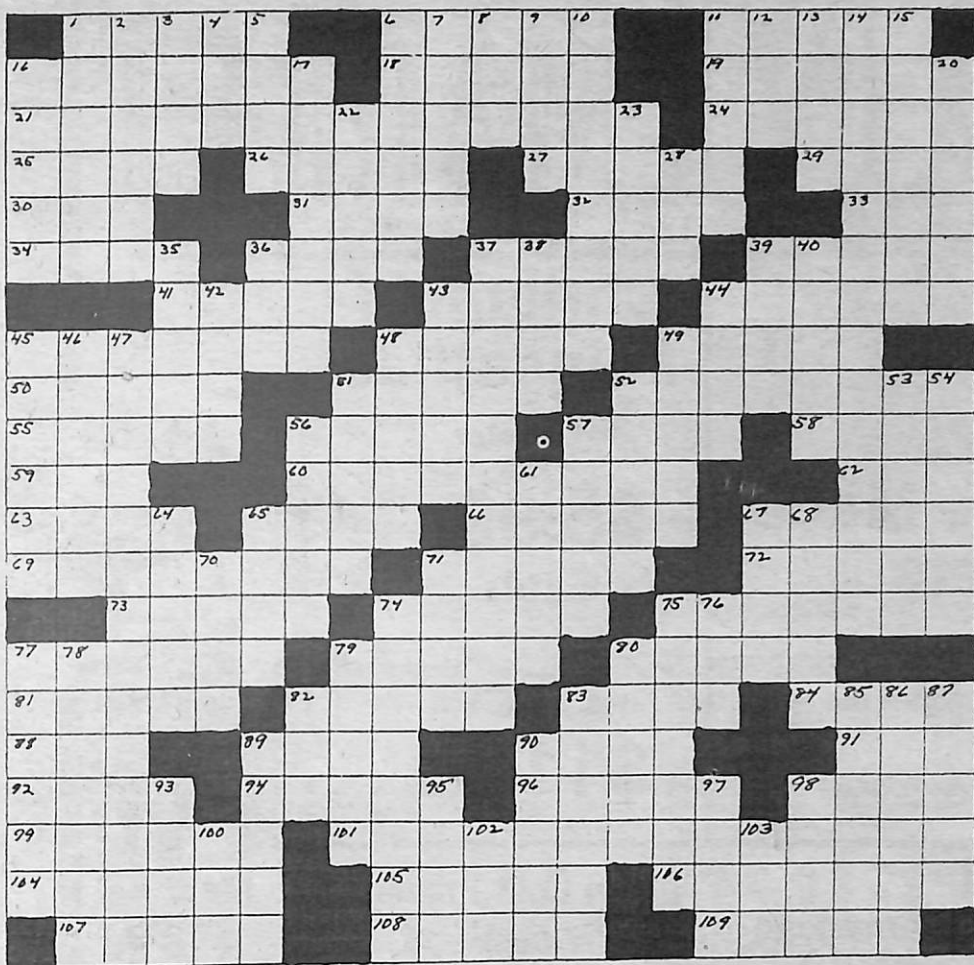
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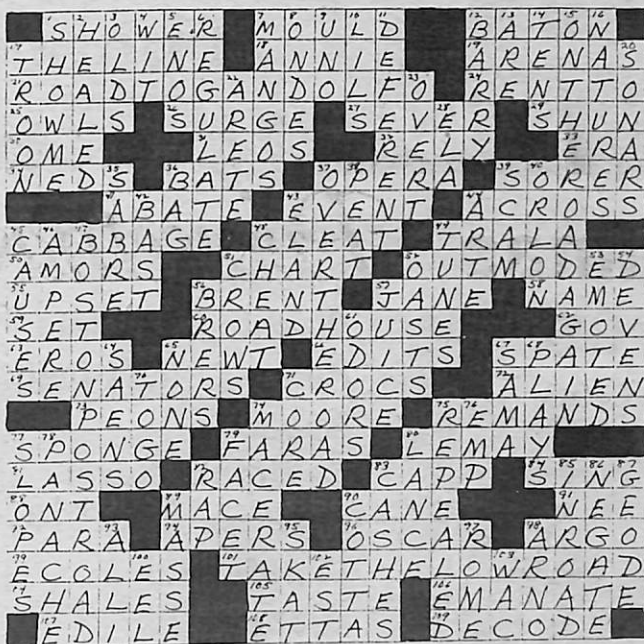


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- 51 Aver
- 52 Cookout items
- 55 Actor John
- 56 Vampire killer
- 57 Rooters
- 58 Tanoan Indian
- 59 Muslim saint
- 60 String member
- 62 "— Boot" (movie)
- 63 Adam's grandson
- 65 Heap
- 66 Greek hall
- 67 "Have ——" (sit down)
- 69 Adjust
- 71 Make welcome
- 72 Rhyme
- 73 Waste away

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- 75 Gladdened
- 77 Musical movements
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- 80 Use TNT
- 81 Map within a map
- 82 Uses the oven
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- 88 Word to a loudmouth
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- 91 Priest's robe
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- 94 Baseball's Springfield rifle
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## Stearns & Yerrall Staff Takes Tour Of Library & Museums

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Associates toured the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, Springfield Science Museum, Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, and the Springfield City Library. Associates had the opportunity to see Asian Decorative Arts, historical American and European paintings, and viewed the wonders of the universe.

Realtors were fascinated to see the fantastic display of arts from around the world right in their own back yard; Springfield!

Members of all five Stearns & Yerrall offices: Agawam, Longmeadow, Springfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham took part in the tour. For more information on the Quadrangle and tours available, call (413) 263-6800.



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## West Spfld. Covenant Community Church To Stage "Live" Nativity

The West Springfield Covenant Community Church is proud to announce that it will once again be holding a "live" Nativity scene on Sunday, December 22nd, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and on Monday, December 23rd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This live Nativity scene is a very special event that many from all over have come to see in past years. This is the church's 9th year of presenting the live Nativity outside on the corner of Amostown and Piper Roads in West Springfield.

The Nativity participants will be dressed in colorful costumes portraying the authenticity of the Nativity as it was in Bethlehem. There will be some light dramatization and special singing as well.

What's more, the church will have live animals that children can feed and enjoy. People can also come to hear special Christmas music and enjoy refreshments that will be served. This will be a memorable and pleasant experience for the whole family.

This year, the West Springfield Covenant Community Church is asking people to bring non-perishable food items to be left in designated boxes at the Nativity. These items will be donated to the Open Pantry, an organization that ministers to needy families.

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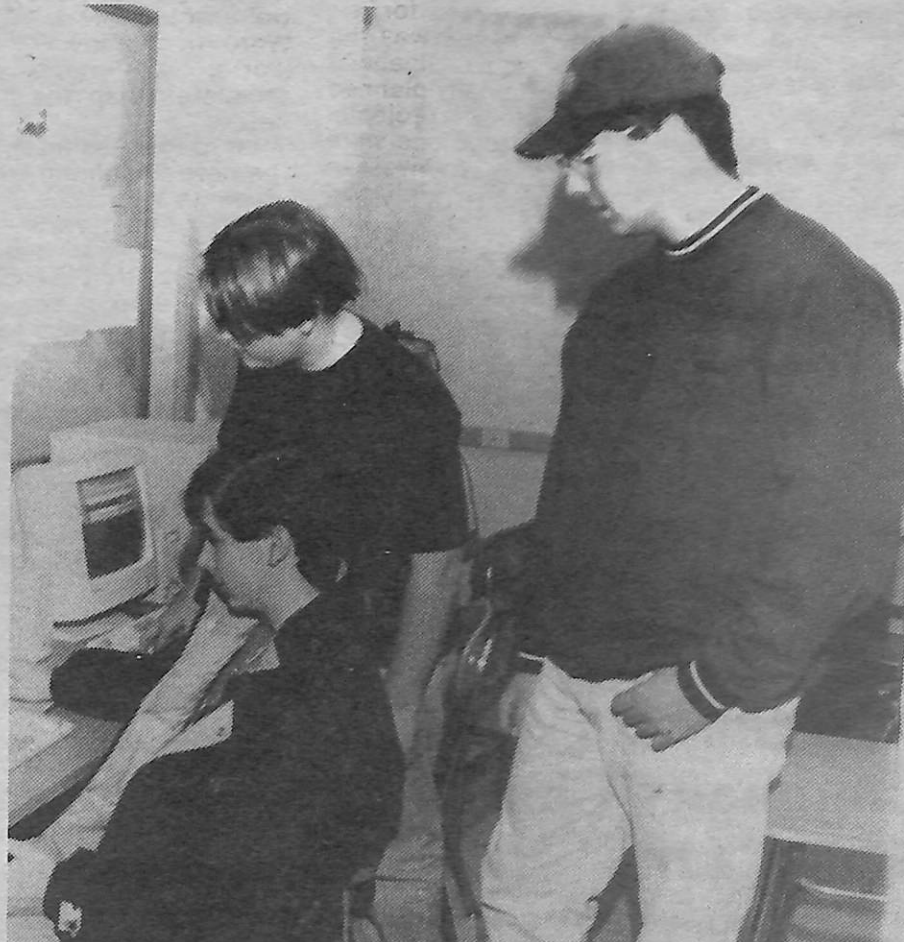
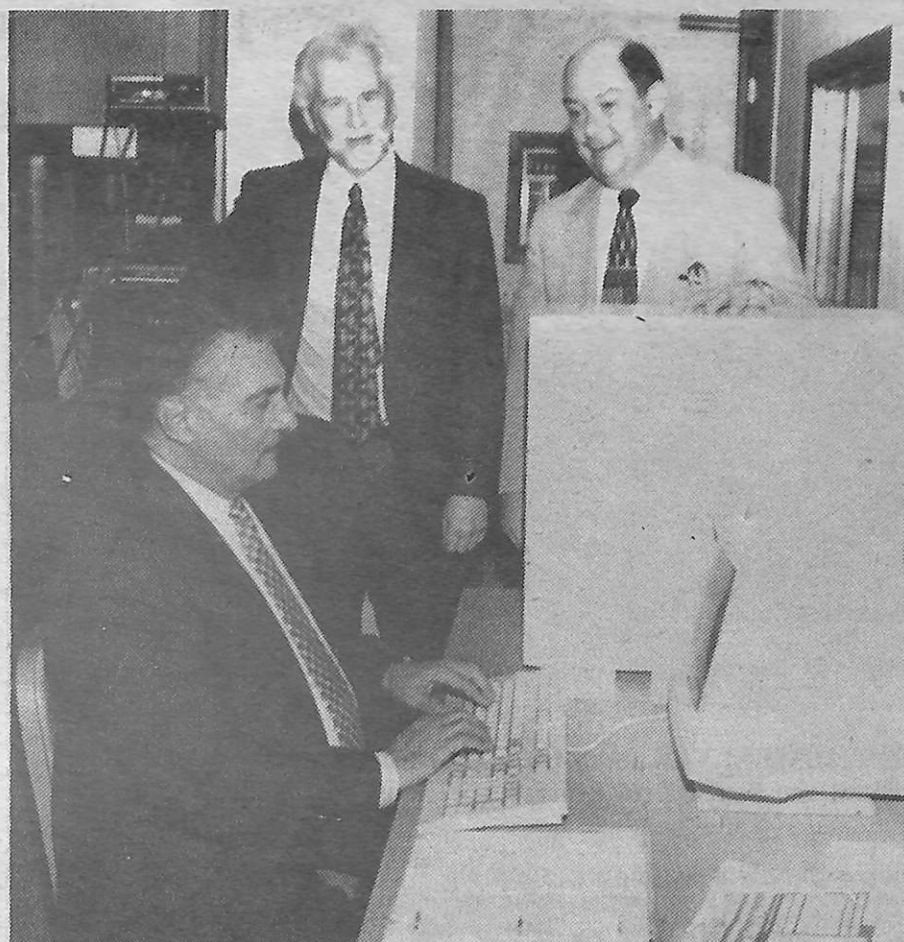
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## Education



**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** Frank Ameruso works on one of the new computers at Agawam High School as **Data Processing Manager Frederick Messier (center)** and **Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest** look on. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Agawam High students **Daniel Renaud**, **Andy Mutti**, and **Daniel Outhuse** helped to give School Committee members a tour and explanation of the many new computers at the school. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## School Officials Receive Grand Tour Of New Computer Facilities At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

When he outlined his plan to spend an additional \$300,000 upgrading computer technology for students at Agawam High School and for all school administrators, Associate School Superintendent Donald Charest said it was the first time in his career that purchases were made with the mindset of "What do we need?" rather than "What are we going to cut and what can we do without this year?"

Last week, Charest showed off the initial results of his shopping spree by taking town officials and members of the public on a tour of the High School's new state-of-the-art computer facilities.

Charest credited Mayor Christopher C. Johnson for the School Department's giant leap forward in computer technology.

### Endless Possibilities

For the students who call themselves "chipheads," the new technology is like going from the prehistoric world to a multi-media environment where the possibilities are endless. For administrators, the new equipment and software will be used for clerical support and for improved record keeping on student tardies, dismissals, disciplinary actions, and grades.

"Thanks to Chris Johnson, we had an additional \$300,000 to add to the \$140,000 we had already set aside for computers in the School Department's 1997 budget. This brings our total funding for computers close to a half million dollars," Charest said. "The School Department hasn't been happy to have been behind in

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technology for several years, but that can't be said anymore."

Johnson said the additional funding for the School Department's technology needs was the result of his administration's sound financial planning. Johnson said he had originally planned to use the funds for the school addition projects.

"Since the state funds for the additions were delayed, I decided to use the money to invest in technology equipment and furniture," Johnson said.

Johnson said the next major step will be to have widespread internet access throughout the school system. Eventually, internet access will be through cable television when the town's carrier rewires with fiber optics next year, Johnson said.

Not all of the technology purchases have been made and not all of the equipment has yet been installed. But, when the technology plan is completed by the end of the year, the High School will offer staff and students the most up-to-date computer environment possible.

Computer Science curriculum coordinator Russell Ramah said the school's technology capabilities will rank on top in the area when all of the equipment has been purchased and installed.

"Everything is new; nothing any better exists," Ramah said.

AHS senior Joe Campbell, who will be putting his computer know-how to work in the Navy after graduation, said the new equipment allows the students to gain experience by networking and using the kinds of programs that do everything from designing car parts to creating the magic of movie special effects.

Demonstrating the same computer aided drafting program used to create the special effects from the movie "Terminator II," Campbell said, "I can change this 3-D rendering of a ball any way I want, but first I had to learn how to think three dimensionally."

**Students Excited About Their Work**

After years of frustration at falling behind in computer capability, Computer Science teacher Ed McCaffery is pleased to see his multi-media students so excited about their work. "The kids want to be state-of-the-art and this is where we want to be," McCaffery said. "With so much going on so fast, it's been a little hectic around here."

McCaffery said he enjoys working alongside his students as they discover together what their new software is capable of.

"I think it's great for the kids to see us learning along with them," McCaffery said.

Multi-media students Jason Gagnon, Matt Feato, and Dan Outhouse were eager to show off a computer generated student video incorporating film clips, audio, and graphics.

"This technology will keep us covered and the computers are all up-gradable so they won't have to be replaced down the road," Feato said.

In the Business Department, teacher Beverly Baggetta said the students are getting experience with the same programs used for word processing and desk top publishing in the business world.

"There is a whole new outlook on everything we're doing," Mrs. Baggetta said. "We're using Word for Windows 95, the latest in the business world, with more graphics, symbols, and templates than the students had to work with before."

Word Processing I student Rebecca Rising said the new equipment was especially helpful to the students who have computer systems at home, but may not know how to use them.

"I didn't know what I was doing with Windows 95 and now that I've learned it here, I can use it at home," Rebecca said.

Actively involved in many community groups, resident John Zebryk found some answers to his questions concerning his grandparents' native land in William L'Heureux's intro to computers course.

Searching Encarta's database was like taking a trip to Belarus without leaving home, Zebryk said.

"I think it's so important for youngsters to be computer literate and I'm delighted to see that Agawam has become modern and up-to-date in what it's offering the students," Zebryk said.

All freshman students are required to take the introductory computer class, but the out-dated equipment used to be a turn-off, especially for the students with better systems at home, L'Heureux said.

But no more. Throughout the Computer Science Department, the sense of exhilaration was tangible as both students and staff enthusiastically explained how the technology upgrade impacted their work.

**Going To Help With Studies & Beyond**

"The kids like to be creative and to have a sense that they're accomplishing something," L'Heureux said. "This course is going to get so much better and it's going to help them with their studies in other areas and even beyond into college."

A member of the committee that developed the school district's technology plan, School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin said, "This is only the beginning of our three year plan. This is just the tip of the iceberg. But you know you've done the right thing when you see that gleam in the students' eyes."

School Superintendent Dr. Frank Ameruso agreed. "We may think we have the vision, but we have to look at it through the eyes of the kids."

Ameruso had nothing but praise for the student "chipheads" who volunteered to serve as tour guides and who assisted the Computer Science Department in getting the new equipment up and running.

"These kids are amazing," Ameruso said. "When they came to set up the computer in my office, one of the students showed me how to print a single page of E-mail. Even the teacher didn't know how."



**COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHER William L'Heureux and student Stacy Rennell gave School Committee members and administrators a tour of the new computers at the school.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Middle School Pupils Heading For D.C. On Spring Vacation

A group of interested students at Agawam Middle School have a wonderful opportunity to experience a bit of history. A Washington DC trip to the White House, Arlington National Cemetery and the Statue of Liberty in New York will be included in five days of educational events planned for April vacation.

Please help these kids earn their way. The Feeding Hills Bottle Redemption Center on Springfield Street will credit any cans (no beer, please) you wish to contribute to the sixth grade Washington trip.

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## Family Literacy Day Highlighted At AHS By English Dept.

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

If you've ever spent more than about 60 seconds in a classroom, you know that all teachers, especially English teachers, spend a good deal of their time trying to get their students to appreciate the importance of developing good reading habits.

Last month, AHS English teachers turned the tables on their students by asking the students to tell the teachers about the importance they and their families place on literacy.

To call attention to Family Literacy Day, reading specialist Sandra Marona enlisted the English Department in offering an essay contest to all students at the High School. Students were asked to write on the topic "Literacy is a Family Affair," and the response was overwhelming, Mrs. Marona said.

The difficult part was choosing contest winners from among essays recounting students' earliest memories of being read to at bedtime, or the struggle of an immigrant family determined to become literate in a foreign language.

The job of judging the contest fell to Mrs. Marona and English Curriculum Coordinator Rosemary Stratton.

"Mrs. Stratton and I scored the essays separately and we agreed on all the best of the best," Mrs. Marona said. "All the essays had a certain appeal, but these essays just spoke to us. We were looking for the heart and the voice in the writing, not necessarily the technical skill."

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the AHS Renaissance Club, and Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chapter, the contest offered three \$25 prizes, two \$25 gift certificates to the new Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Holyoke, and three dictionaries.

An international society of women educators promoting literacy, Delta Gamma Kappa was



**FAMILY LITERACY DAY** contest winners at Agawam High School with Jr. High Guidance Counselor Frank Meagher (left, representing the Knights of Columbus - one of the sponsors); reading specialist Sandra Marona; and AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

thrilled to sponsor the essay contest, Mrs. Marona said.

Representing the Knights of Columbus, Guidance Counselor Frank Meagher said funding from his group was channeled through the Renaissance Club in support of the essay contest.

"Supporting Renaissance is something we do because it reaches so many students here at the High School," Meagher said. "We feel we can do more good in a program like Renaissance."

Receiving \$25 from Renaissance as the top three choices were Anthony Goodrow, Tracy

Butler, and Irina Adzhigirev.

Delta Gamma Kappa winners of \$25 gift certificates to Barnes and Noble were Greg Powers and the creative writing team of Ryan White, Christopher Sullivan, and Jennifer Smist.

Renaissance dictionary awards went to Dan Loubier, Vinny Tirone, and Melissa Weinle.

Honorable mention for excellence in writing went to John Cordis, Ashley Corbin, Meredith Siana, Jennifer Turban, Michelle Clausen, Jenn Gingras, Nick Devanski, John Paradepez, Michael Baggetta, and Lauren Tryba.

## Agawam Middle School PTO News

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be preparing holiday baskets for Agawam families for Christmas. The middle school children and staff members donated canned goods throughout the past week and we collected 1,179 items. We would like to thank all the children and staff members that donated to this worthy cause and also our thanks to all the parents that helped us collect them, especially Ann Woodard for coordinating it. The top fifth grade class was room 208 with 110 items, and the top sixth grade class was room 304 with 95 items. A special thank you to

computer teacher Jim Jackowski for donating 100 items.

During the first week of December, we held a Kids' Corner Christmas Store at the school. The children were able to purchase gifts for their family and friends for the holidays. We would like to thank all the parents that helped us, especially Dee Circosta-Aspinall and Theresa Shea for coordinating it.

The Accelerated Reading Program is up and running at the school. Ask your child what it is all about!

We are still collecting Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Cereal box tops to be redeemed for items to be used in the school.

Library and office volunteers are still needed in the school. If anyone is interested, please contact the office.

### Upcoming events:

The next PTO meeting will be held on January 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents and teachers are welcome.

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## AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen  
Guidance Coordinator  
AHS Guidance Dept.

### The Process Of Grieving And Healing

Lila Forastiere, the grief counselor from Forastiere Family Funeral Homes, came to the High School the week of December 2nd to talk to the freshmen about grieving and the process of healing. The following information is taken from her talks that I had the privilege to hear.

Ms. Forastiere is well-versed in her subject, is an excellent presenter, and is clearly empathetic. Indeed, it was a privilege to glean information from her and to have her speak to our students.

Her basic premise is that people do not know how to grieve in a healing way. The idea of death is taboo, so no one is taught how to grieve. People do not give grieving a thought until someone dies. At that time, the survivor is so filled with grief that it is difficult to make decisions based on knowledge rather than on emotion.

### What Grieving Feels Like

Each person grieves in his/her own way. For instance, when a family member dies, two teenagers are left to grieve. One chooses to cry a lot; the other chooses to go to the movies with a friend. Who is correct? No one! Perhaps the movie-goer cried earlier; perhaps he/she just needs to take a vacation from the sadness. Perhaps he/she is in a different grieving space from the other twin.

The relationships you have with a person help determine the grieving process. Maybe your relationship consisted of talking to the now deceased on the phone. Therefore, whenever the phone rings, it may elicit a sad emotion.

Ms. Forastiere used the analogy of an iceberg to illustrate the grieving process. With both, we see only about one-quarter; the rest is under the surface. However, as with an iceberg, the rest of the grief must eventually surface and be seen and felt. That is why grieving is a continual process.

When someone dies, you feel impact, you feel shock. Your body sends out chemicals and numbs your emotions for hours, days, and weeks. Often, you feel like a zombie and react like a robot. That's why you may not cry when you hear the bad news. You are numb.

Eventually, the iceberg, the grief, keeps melting and you are left with a puddle of emotions which you stay in for a while. It is important to let yourself feel so that this puddle can eventually evaporate and you can go on with your life.

### Some Emotions You Might Feel

1. Numbness, then confusion as to how you are going to survive and take on added responsibilities may engulf you.
2. Sadness may permeate everything you do; your energy level will feel low.
3. Isolation is felt because you are left behind.
4. Anger and unfairness fill your.
5. Fear may overtake you that someone else will die.
6. Guilt and regret of what you did or did not do when the loved one was alive are common.

The important thing to remember is to allow yourself to feel all these feelings. Certain feelings will be right for you; certain ones are right for someone else. The feelings that hit all depend upon your makeup. No feelings are right or wrong, they just are.

**You Grieve With Your Heart, Not With Your Head**  
Grieving does not make sense; it happens in the heart. Your head says, "I know he died." Your heart won't accept it, so you are filled with confusion. Be gentle with yourself.

### There Are Four Stages In The Grief Process

1. You feel numb and lost, all alone on an island.
2. Numbness leaves, reality sets in, and you just need to survive. During this stage, it is healthy to ventilate your feelings. Let them come.

3. Healing starts and you begin to feel better. This is a slow process and has its ups and downs.
4. You survive and realize that you will continue to survive.

Everyone needs to go through these stages to come out whole. Each person has his/her own way to heal, but he/she must take time to allow this to happen. It is a painful process, one that must be felt. Ms. Forastiere used the analogy of waves to graphically show how grief ebbs and flows. It is important to ride each wave in order to be able to confront the next one. Soon, the waves will become less and less and the sea that once was so turbulent, will become much more tranquil.

If you don't allow the memories and the grieving process to continue, if you say, "I can't," then it means that grief is in charge of you, rather than your being in charge of it. To help people cope with grief, there are many books on the subject, clergy people, and support groups. Reach out,

enable yourself to heal so that you can go on and embrace life, since life is for the living.

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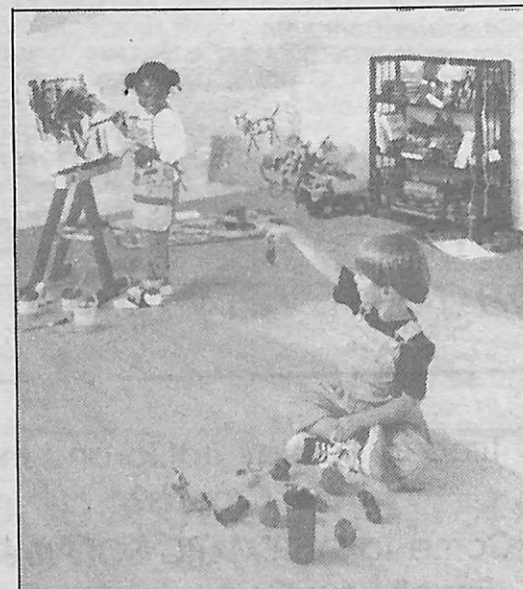
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Registration for the winter semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, January 6 and 8, 1997 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Monday, January 13th, and Wednesday, January 15th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Classes will begin on Monday, January 13th, and run for 10 weeks ending on March 31st.

The tuition charge is \$70 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting. Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered this semester:

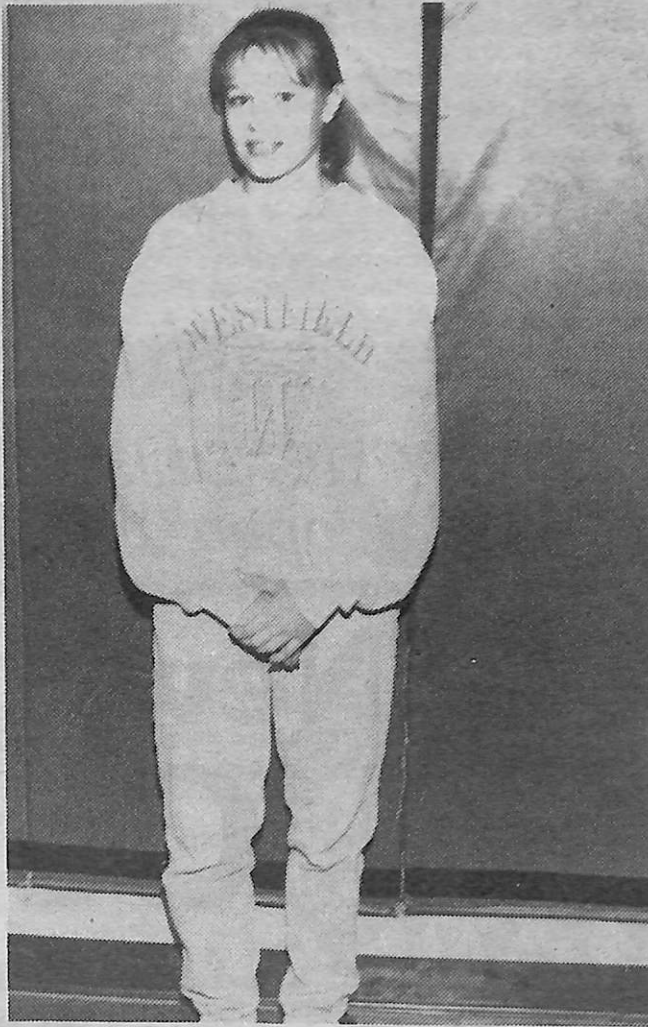
### Monday Classes:

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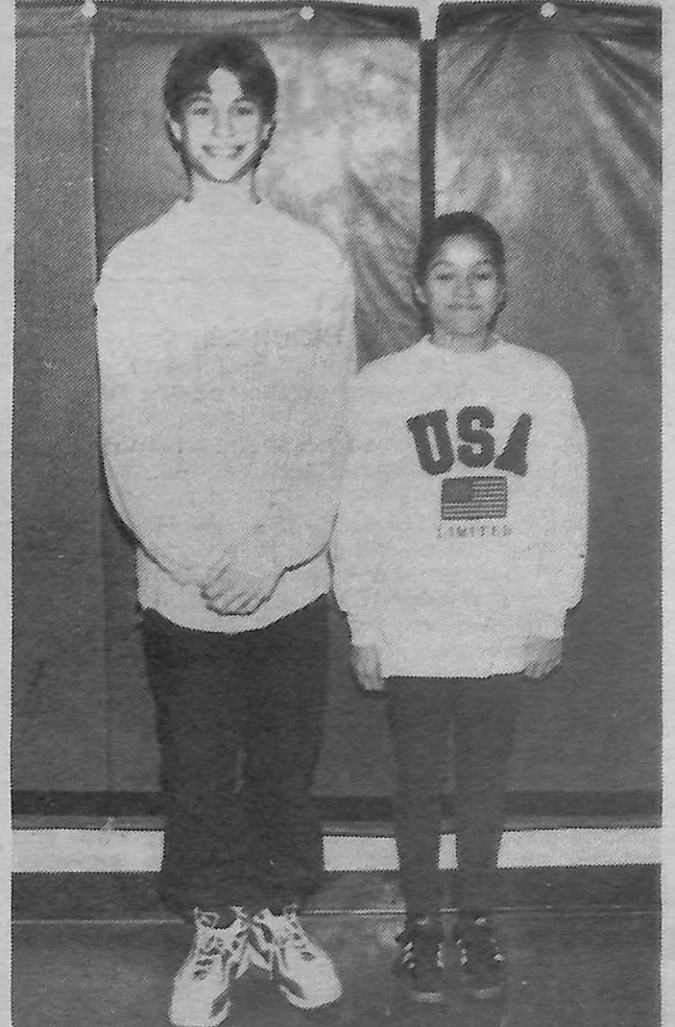
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## Art Student "Of The Month"



EMILY NORRIS was named art "Student of the Month" at the Agawam Junior High School. Also named (but not available for photo) was Scott Wojcik. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Phys. Ed. Students "Of The Month"



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**BROWNIE TROOP 559**

In November, the girls from Brownie Troop 559 at Robinson Park went to Sheepgate Farm in Blandford.

They were able to feed the sheep. The girls also learned how to take wool from the sheep and spin it into yarn.

We'd like to thank the owners, Mr. & Mrs. Costello, for taking the time to show us around their farm. The girls really enjoyed themselves.

**BROWNIE TROOP 581**

The girls from Brownie Troop 581 at Robinson Park School worked on a worthwhile Service Project for Thanksgiving this year.

During a two-week period, they performed various chores around their homes to earn money. This money was used to provide hot meals for homeless people on Thanksgiving Day.

After dusting, cleaning, and vacuuming for two weeks, our Brownie Scouts earned a total of \$73.79. This was enough money to provide meals for 47 people!

We are so proud of the girls for this achievement. Not only did they help others less fortunate than themselves, but they worked hard helping their parents around the house. Congratulations, girls, for a job well done!

**BROWNIE TROOP 580**

The girls from Brownie Troop 580 at Phelps School purchased a 22-pound turkey with money from their troop dues. Each girl also brought in one item from the five food groups to make up the fix'ins for a great Thanksgiving dinner.

The large food basket was donated to the Open pantry of Agawam/West Springfield. It was the girls' idea to donate the food basket so that a needy family would have a happy Thanksgiving, too.

## James Clark School Is Part Of "Box Tops For Education"

James Clark School is participating in the General Mills "Box Tops For Education."

We are collecting box tops from General Mills cereals until March 1997. You can donate box tops at the school or at Agawam Food Mart (which will distribute them to all participating Agawam schools).

Thank you for any donations you can make; it all adds up to money towards scholarships.

## Middle School Bus No. 6 Will Now Stop At New Location

The Agawam Public Schools is notifying the public that Bus No. 6 (Middle School) at the corner of Hendom and South Westfield Streets is being moved up the hill and will stop at Hendom/Hickory and Beech/Elmar to circumvent any potential safety concerns arising from snow-bound sidewalks and winter vehicular traffic.

The public is reminded that the safety of our children should be a matter of community concern. The school department must be able to rely on the cooperation of our citizens to keep walkways clear where children walk to school.

The town and school department cannot assume the responsibility that comes with the ownership of property in the Town of Agawam. Our decision to change this bus stop and for a short duration to pick up any children found walking in the street on their way to school is our attempt to provide a safe route to school.

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**BROWNIE TROOP 580** of Phelps School sent out Thanksgiving wishes last month. Brownies in photo are, from left - Elizabeth Lancaster, Amanda Ripolone, Tiffany Knox, Ashley Brinkmann, Brianne Brinkmann, and Ashley-Anne Wolas.

## Kids' Place Teacher Jackie Brusa Awarded Child Care Credential For Good Work

Jackie Brusa, a West Springfield resident and employee at **The Kids' Place In Feeding Hills**, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 20 years ago, and now 46 states include the CDA in their child care licensing regula-

tions.

Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

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## Sports

### AHS Hockey Starts New Season Off On Right Foot With Win

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' hockey team, by virtue of its 3-14-1 record last year, were sent to the Fay Division. They had been patrolling the ice over in the Berry Division for years.

Some might have thought it was a demotion for the team. Not so, according to Coach Fran Pycko, who tends to think positive. "It was a lateral move. We now have competition more suited to us." He could be right. They won't have to play Cathedral anymore, or West Side for that matter.

He feels he has a team that can be a force now. He's going for three lines. His first trio will be made up of freshman newcomer **Jason Melanson** at one wing; shooter and junior **Rich Feeley** at center; and either freshman **Dave Gusek** or senior veteran **Joe Dupelle** at the other wing. "Feeley can shoot. I call Melanson my rocket on skates. They all could be impact players for us," Pycko said.

His second line might include Gusek at center. "That's his natural position," Pycko admits. Senior **Steve Gallant** could man one wing. **Brian Pagella**, another freshman, could complement him on the other side. He thinks he might have a good third line, too. Gallant would be the center. He would be flanked by sophomore **Andy Radwanski** and Dupelle. "With some of the talent I have now, we could do a lot of things, like mix and match," he said.

His defense was hurt by the graduation of goalie Derek Benton. But he thinks his current number-one keeper, junior **Chris Hearn**, will be up to the job. The Brownies are carrying three goalies. The coach has an instructor come in to teach them the finer points of the position.

He has some defensemen who are quality players. Among them are senior **Trevor Brown**, sophomore **Josh Sprague**, junior **Austin Kimball**, and junior **Geoff Ciak**. Of the bunch, the coach feels Kimball has a great shot from the point.

His key this season will be a scoring touch. He's always felt his kids could play defense and were never intimidated by anyone.

#### The First Game Of The Season...

They played their first game of the season Tuesday night against Chicopee. The Pacers were supposed to be tough (13-2-2 last year). And they were. But the Brownies proved up to the task at hand, beating the Pacers, 2-1.

"It was a long time in coming. But this was one of the best games in which I've been involved," Pycko noted. "It felt good."

It was good. Chicopee has perhaps the best goalie in Western Mass (sophomore Randy Hevey). Chris Hearn was in the net for the

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## Brownies Stop Westfield As Boys Hoop Season Opens

by Dave Rollins  
News Editor

The Agawam High boys' basketball team and the faithful finally got a chance to savor the start of the Gary Grumoli era Tuesday night, compliments of a 67-54 win over visiting Westfield.

Grumoli, in his first year as the new boys' hardwood mentor, admitted their defense could have been a little better because they let the Bombers back into the game in the second half for a bit. But generally he was pleased. "The kids saw their hard work in the pre-season pay off," he told us.

At first, both teams were nervous. It showed in the fact that the score was 5-4, Brownies at the 12:54 mark of the first half. Two minutes later, Agawam was only up 9-5. A lot of that had to do with the Bombers' field goal trouble. They'd canned only 2-11 at that point. Agawam had gone 4-8.

The Brownies were switching from a man-to-man zone. That fact enabled Agawam to get some early turnovers. (The Bombers would give up the ball 17 times as opposed to 10 for the Brownies.) At 9:15, Nick Dion started to get the small, opening-night crowd going with a dunk off a steal to make it 11-7, Agawam. A minute later, Agawam was up 15-7.

In essence, they never looked back. Though at some points, the Bombers did gain back some ground.

Both teams were playing an up-tempo offense. Perhaps the new 30-second clock figured in. But the crowd loved the speed and the attacks on the basket which were, at times (with guys like Phil McGeoghan and Dion), spectacular, above-the-rim stuff.

Both clubs, despite the fast-forward action, handled the ball well. The Brownies whipped it around the perimeter looking for the open man. The Bombers were content to find the quick-hitter underneath. At 3:07, McGeoghan (21 pts., 3-6, 7

rebs., 1 blk.) spun underneath and put up an acrobatic bunny. It stood at 26-22, Agawam. Then, with a bit more than a minute left, Todd Jorgensen (23 pts., 4 threes, 7-9, 5 steals) stole the ball and hit Chris Bitzas (2 pts., 0-4, 3 rebs.) with a pinpoint, behind-the-back pass.

A foul put Bitzas at the line. He missed both shots, but the play by McGeoghan and the one by Bitzas served notice that the Brownies were exactly what Grumoli had tabbed them during pre-season — athletic. "Todd played a great game," Grumoli smiled afterwards.

#### The Brownies Lead At The Half...

The half ended with the Brownies up, 32-26. They outshot Westfield, 19-25. The Bombers put it up 31 times and canned 11. Agawam was 4-10 from the line. The Bombers hit 4-5. Westfield had the edge on the glass, 13-11.

The start of the second half might have spelled the beginning of the end for the Bombers. They were again in a man defense. Agawam, using some good perimeter shooting, hit three in a row to open things up. Suddenly, it was 38-30 at the 13:40 mark. A Jorgensen three-pointer put his club ahead 41-32. A McGeoghan hoop upped the lead to 43-32. At 12:31, Agawam was 5-7 from the field. Westfield was 2-3 and facing a tight Brownie "D."

But the Bombers, not playing like the 1-19 club they were last year, capitalized on two Agawam turnovers to score a deuce and a trey. The suddenly cold Brownies suddenly found themselves only up 46-43 at 10:15.

The Brownies switched to a zone, with a double on the ball. But they could still manage only a 50-47 lead at 7:12. A Jorgensen there-pointer and a deuce by Dion (15 pts., 1-6, 3 rebs., 2 stls.) with

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6:06 left put Agawam back up, 55-47. It was just what the Brownies needed, because suddenly the game stepped up another notch and became undeniably wild. Westfield saw its tail suddenly on the fire. Agawam was not about to put out the flames. They would fight fire with fire now.

Dion fanned the flames with a steal and a bucket. McGeoghan threw on the gas with a steal and a two-handed slam at 2:42. Westfield had fought a good fight, but now they began to go down in flames. With 1:28 to go, they were down 64-49. At the 1:00 minute mark, they were warming up the bus.

Agawam shot 18-25 in the second half, Westfield 10-19. Agawam had 10 boards to the Bombers' 8. They hit 6-11 from the line. Westfield was 4-7. It was a non-conference game (Agawam is in the Valley Wheel). Westfield occupies a spot in the Suburban League.

**BROWNIE BASKETBALL NOTES:** The JV team, headed up by new Coach Hassan Robinson, won Tuesday night as well, beating the Westfield JV's, 56-38. Robinson has a fast-breaking team that never let the Bombers off the ropes. They had a balanced scoring attack, with Agawam's Kevin Cornwell the high with 13 points.

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Brownies. They played to a 0-0 tie in the first period. Both teams hit big and hard. They felt each other out and got ready to get it on in the second period.

At the five-minute mark, Agawam scored. The tally came from the line of Feeley at center and his two wings, Melanson and Dupelle. "It was textbook," Pycko said. "Rick was in front of the net. Joe kept the puck in the zone. Melanson centered it perfectly. Feeley put it up on the right-hand corner for the goal."

With 10:00 minutes gone, Chicopee came back, catching the Brownies up ice on some aggressive hockey. They got behind the defense and tied it at one.

"We talked to the kids at the end of the second period. We told them they were playing great. Keep it up," said Pycko. They did. Ninety seconds into the third stanza, Agawam got penalized and found themselves a man short. On the outlet play, Ciak anticipated a clearing pass, controlled it, and let fly from 30 feet out for an unassisted, short-handed score. The Brownies went up, 2-1, and it held.

"The rest of the period had us protecting that one-point lead. We did it the way you teach it. We didn't need to score. They did. We were cool. We didn't back in on our keeper and screen him, like a lot of teams tend to do. We skated the puck out and played smart defense all around. The last three minutes, especially, showed how well we can play. It told people we had composure on the ice," Pycko said.

The coach felt the second line of Gusek, Andy Radwanski, and Pagella played well. The 2-1 pressure win, in their first game of the season, showed Coach Pycko that his team is ready for a tough season, with a good shot at a tournament bid.

Agawam had 20 shots on goal. Chicopee had 18.

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## No Doubt, 'Force' Is With AHS Girls In Hoop This Year

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Wasn't it Obi-Wan Cannoli or Kenobi who said to young Luke Skywalker - "May the Force be with you"?

Well, that's a bit of theatre. How about a bit of reality? The Force, however you might want to describe it, will be with the Agawam High girls' basketball team again this season. Because, in the tough Valley Wheel, a division which saw every team get into the Western Mass. playoffs, they are a force in their own right, the defending Valley champs, last season's Western Mass. semi-finalists, and a perennial girls' power in these parts.

There are two reasons for such an optimistic outlook. First, it is not only the experience they have returning to the hardwood, but the talent which goes along with it.

Secondly, it is their Coach Lou Conte, 11 years at the helm, with a talent for winning as magical as Obi-Wan's visionary gifts.

Let's start with the team. Point guard **Kristen Patterson** is the best at her position in Western Mass. She is only 5'4", but she plays with the fearless heart of a power guard. More ink goes to those much taller than her, who have an easy time scoring against much shorter opponents. But no one has more guts hooked up with more talent than Kristen, a two-time All-Western Mass. performer and she is only a junior.

She'll be joined in the backcourt by an equally tough young lady, sophomore **Barbara Maloni**. Maloni is quickly learning to have the spit, polish, and panache of Patterson's game. And she's a spitfire who is perhaps only a year behind catching up to her teammate. And she has speed to burn.

At center, they welcome back 6'1" sophomore **Pia Bertone Gross**. She is a true center who never strays far from her position. She denies the other team's inside game. She can dominate the boards. Her turnaround jumper is as soft as a kitten's fur and as deadly as a tiger's claws.

When she is on, **Amber Conte**, Conte's daughter, will nail the trey. She was on a lot last season. **Melissa Cote**, who will swing between power forward and center, is another person who cleans the glass like Windex.

**No New Strategy**

The club will not change its offensive or defensive strategy. They'll break your heart with the fast break. On 'D,' they'll trap you worse than any hunter could.

The guy who runs the show is, of course, Conte. He doesn't run the toughest practice you'll ever see. But it is methodical. A lot gets done in an intense amount of time. The players look at him with complete respect. They believe in him, not only as a person, but as someone who can get out of them performances they never thought they had in them.

At the beginning of practice two weeks ago, Conte shook his head. "It comes around so fast (the basketball season). We all seem to get a little more grey hair."

There's no doubt he and his Brownies will be dishing out their share of that to this year's opponents. "We'll be as good as we want to be," according to the coach. They open their season Friday night when Monument Mountain comes to Kibbe Gymnasium. The Brownies lost a close call to the Berkshire school last year and will be happy to return the favor this time around.

## Brownie Boys Moving On Up To Division A In 1996-97 Skiing

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

You have to like the Agawam High boys' skiing team. Like most esoteric sports, they practice in relative obscurity and compete way out and far away. (In their case, Berkshire East.)

"We don't get the snow like the hill towns. They get on a hill, as a team, long before us," boys' Coach Glenn Olson smiled. As he was saying this, he was pointing with his ski pole to their practice area — the parking lot of the Curran-Jones Funeral Home, kitty corner to the high school. They weren't on skis, but on in-line skates.

Their flags, as they practiced the slalom, were anchored by sacks filled with whatever would hold them down. (And it must be said, these kids could in-line skate better than most of us can walk.) The vertical was good enough for them as they made their graceful way through the gates.

"We make do," he said as his kids practiced into the gathering darkness. They must, because the AHS boys' skiing team was the "B" Division champion last year and third in that division in Western Mass.

They compete in slalom and giant slalom. "You have to be technical for slalom and fast for the GS," Olson stressed. "You have to be an all-around skier."

**A Young Squad...**

He has a young squad. They are headed up by three "impact" skiers, as he calls them. One is junior **Ryan Proguiske**. Proguiske was fourth in the Western Mass. tourney last season and seventh in the state competition.

**Ben Weld**, a senior was fourth last season in the Western Mass. "B" Division. **Mike Savioli** is another key person for the team this season, according to the coach. "We had 16 kids come out. Twelve have stuck with us. That's a decent turnout," Olson noted.

Skiing is more complicated than one might think, especially when it comes to meets. "We might have 200 or 300 racers on the hill," Olson said. "A lot of my coaching is done by videos of the kids in action, as well as going over the technical stuff all the time. Sometimes, our best practices come in the meets."

But they'll have a big event coming up halfway into the season, which starts on January 7th. This season, the Brownies will get some big-time practice at Smuggler's Notch in Vermont. "We'll train for the entire week. It's a great ski area which has everything the team could want. We'll work out just about all day, every day." The coach, who always has a smile on his face, then mentioned, "I do some work for Smuggler's Notch. We kind of scratch each other's backs. It's a great time for us there. And they treat us very well."

The coach also mentions some other kids whom he is counting on — junior **Steve Charest**, senior **Kevin Perreault**, and **Mike DeFillipi**.

The coach also mentioned that because of his team's success last season, they moved up. They are now in the "A" Division. It will be tougher, but a championship there will be an even bigger accomplishment.

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## "Athletic" Brownies Taking Solid Aim At Boys' Tourney Berth

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Recently, new Agawam High boys' basketball Coach Gary Grumoli was asked if he was nervous about the upcoming season. "Yes, I am. But it's a good kind of feeling of anticipation," he replied. "I've gotten a lot of support from the administration and the fans here. I can't wait for the season to start."

And it's no wonder. The new mentor just might have something going with this year's edition of the basketball Brownies, who finished 9-11 last year, just missed the playoffs, and spent the last few games of the season with internal problems.

They are a veteran group led by senior forward **Phil McGeoghan**, senior guards **Chris Bitzas** and **Todd Jorgensen**, and senior center **Jay Malone**.

"We have good athletes on this team, who also have the talent to play top-notch basketball," Grumoli noted. "Their work ethic is tremendous."

The coach has been putting them through grueling practice sessions for the past two weeks. They run and run again. "We'll be playing our share of city schools again this season, like Central (a Division I quarterfinalist), Holyoke (a Division I finalist), and the Division I champs, Commerce."

### Teams Built On Speed & Endurance

Then he added, "These teams are built on speed and endurance. If you can't run with these types of teams, you can't be successful in Western Massachusetts."

The 6'4" McGeoghan will lead the charge. He's quick, a big leaper, and a shot maker who can play the kind of steal-the-ball defense which translates into transition basket. "Phil has to touch the basketball for us to be successful," Grumoli noted.

McGeoghan will have plenty of help. Bitzas is a prime defender who, according to the coach, doesn't get enough credit for his work in what is the toughest aspect of the game - denying the other guys the ball.

Malone is a 6'6" skyscraper. He's a tenacious big man who'll bang under the boards with the best of them. He'll be counted upon to get off the quick outlet pass.

**Nick Dion** is another outstanding athlete who can play either point or shooting guard.

Six-foot, five-inch soccer goalie **Bryan O'Quinn**, who's a hard-nosed player in any sport, will come off the bench to spell Malone. On occasion, he'll play power forward, which will give Agawam a tall and aggressive frontcourt. He'll be joined off the bench by junior **Jason Hanscom**. **Jake Blair** will also be a valued reserve. The 6'1" senior will see some serious work at power forward. The coach describes him as a physical player, perfect for his role on the team.

Senior **Guillermo Len**, junior forward **Ryan White**, and sophomore swingman **Marc Pedraza** are also expected to contribute heavily to the team's fortunes this year.

### 30-Second Clock A New Addition

One thing which will be new to the boys' basketball this year will be the 30-second clock. "That will, in a way, dictate how we'll play both offense and defense," Grumoli said. "Speed, when you're on the clock, can only help. Every team, however, is going to have to learn to take their eyes off that clock. Because it can, to a degree, make an offense a little tight."

His offense and defense will be a mix - the transition game, some zone, half court action, man, and when they can, a full blown full court fast break.

"We have the talent to do all of those things," the coach smiled. At presstime, they were getting ready to play Suburban League foe Westfield (1-19 last year) in the opener.

## Seeking 11th Straight WMass Title...

# AHS Wrestling Dynasty Again Looking To Repel Pretenders

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

It has to be a great experience wrestling for Agawam High School.

First, you are in a program that is synonymous with excellence. You are coached by the best. Over the years, you've beaten the best. And there is always some team, usually pretenders to the Western Mass title, laying in the weeds, ready to knock you off. It's all heady stuff. It's no different this season.

Again the Brownie grapplers will try for another title here in the western part of the state. (They are the 10-time defending champs, having finished 12-0 last season.)

The pretenders will be many. Coach Phil Tomkiel, in his 23rd season as Agawam wrestling coach, knows this. He also knows he will need every bit of his skill and magic to once again bring his Brownies to the top of the hill.

One big reason - he's lost Andrew Ingham (171 pounds), Jon Jacobsen (189's), Chris Chechile, and heavyweight Kirk Parker, each a Western Mass champion. Those will be tough spots to fill. Some kids will have to step up. He had about 65 kids come out for the team this year. That's a lot of folks. A lot of them have talent, too.

### The Brownies' Wrestling Lineup...

The 112's will see Western Mass performer **Kevin McKay** step up from his usual spot in the 103's. He's a junior. And like most young kids, he just keeps growing. He now has to lose weight to wrestle in his division. His place on the 103's will be handled by **Victor Arzola**, a junior transfer from Southwick. Newcomer **Kevin Suffriti** will hold down the 119's. **Brian Chechile**, a freshman and brother of Chris Chechile, will be in the 125's. "Brian is a smart wrestler. He just needs experience," Tomkiel noted.

Veteran **Ryan Grealis**, a junior, will now go in the 130's. He had a victory in the State Tournament last spring.

Junior **Kevin Hill** will wrestle in the 135's.

Soccer star **Jason Jean**, a senior and a tough one at that, will be back to hold down his spot in the 140's. Jean was an All-Western Mass Second Team selection last year. There is a big battle in practice for the 145 slot. Senior **John Hermans**

and **Mark Engleman** are neck and neck for the job. "It's a toss-up right now," Tomkiel admitted at presstime.

**Dan Dialessi** is a veteran senior who should do well in the 150-pound class. Football tailback **Jeff Blews**, a senior who's in his second year with the varsity grapplers, is tabbed for the 160-pound spot.

**John Weinle**, a sophomore, is the 171-pounder.

**Rich Skowrya** will wrestle at 189 (taking over Jacobsen's spot). He's a football player and a senior. The coach would like to see him get down to 171, but it will take some work. After all, Skowrya spent all of the football season bulking up.

**Darrell Malachowski**, a junior who had himself a pretty decent football season, will wrestle in the 215's. He finished fourth in his division in Western Mass, and was the only Brownie last spring who had a win in the New England Tournament.

The heavyweight spot is a problem. The coach thought George Graves would replace Parker. But Graves has decided to skip wrestling this year. That means a big void in both weight and talent has to be filled.

The team did well at the Loomis Tournament last weekend in Connecticut, where they faced several prep schools as well as traditional rival Pittsfield. "We entered 24 kids and placed in 23 matches," the coach smiled. "We got some bugs out down there."

Tomkiel feels their big challenge this year will be West Springfield, which has many veterans back from an 8-2 squad. He feels they also have an excellent coach in 12th-year man Gerry Meyers.

A while back, Tomkiel received an honor which made him proud. He was named Unico Man of the Year for 1996. At the banquet, Rich Morassi, president of Unico of Western Mass, gave the coach a singular compliment, saying in all the years Coach Tomkiel has been coaching Agawam wrestling, he's never seen a loser on the mat for the Brownies.

The coach hopes that tradition and high regard will continue.

## Agawam's Rose Pignatare Named As 2nd Team All-American At SC

Springfield College standout Rose Pignatare, a graduate of Agawam High School, has been named to the 1996 National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division III Northeast Regional All-America second team.

Pignatare, a junior, sparked at the right back position covering the opponent's left wing scorer. Pignatare, who wasn't a starter at the beginning of the season, played on the junior varsity squad last year. She didn't play field hockey as a freshman.

"Rose made a consistent contribution to the success of our team this season," said Springfield coach Dottie Potter Zenaty.

Pignatare will serve as co-captain of the 1997 field hockey team.

Springfield posted a 13-8 record this past fall for its best mark in six years and advanced to the semifinals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Tournament. The Pride played one of the nation's toughest schedules

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## AHS Boys' Soccer Banquet



1996 CAPTAINS of the Agawam High School boys' varsity soccer team, the Division I finalists, pictured at their annual banquet at Chez Josef. From left - Todd Godfrey, Chris Bitzas, Steve Rovithis, Jason Jean, and Coach Dwight Northrup. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

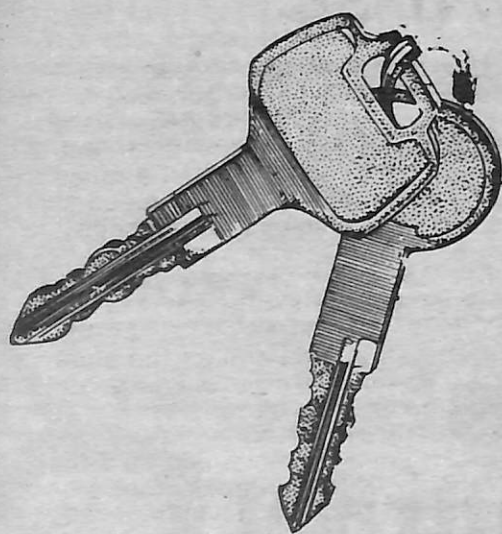


SENIOR CLASS members of the Agawam High 1996 boys' varsity soccer team, pictured at their annual banquet. Back row, from left - Chris Bitzas, Todd Godfrey, Jake Blair, Nick Dion, Mike Forastiere, and Tony Alfano. Front row - Bill Maroni, Todd Jorgensen, Jason Jean, Steve Rovithis, and Dan Siano.

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## Agawam High Girls' Soccer Banquet



MEMBERS OF THE 1996 Agawam High girls' soccer program gathered for their annual banquet at Chez Josef. IN PHOTO LEFT with Coach Mary Murray are captains Melissa Troie, Carrie Janik, and Kristin Patterson. IN PHOTO RIGHT, senior class members. Back row - Rita Reshamwala, Cindi Alfano, and Sara Cote. Front row - Tara Grealis, Danielle DiStefano, Carrie Janik, and Melissa Troie.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

**EARLY DEADLINE:** Please remember our deadline for next week's edition is Sunday, December 22nd at noontime. We will be open all day on Saturday, and will open at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday. GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS can still be obtained through Monday, December 23rd at the office.



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Register as soon as possible. Practices will start in January.

To register and/or to receive additional information, contact Glenn Olson at (413) 789-RACE.

## Agawam Wrestling Club To Hold Registration

The Agawam Wrestling Club will be holding a registration on Friday, December 27th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School teacher's cafeteria.

The club is available to boys and girls in grades three to eight. The cost is \$50 per child (includes USA Wrestling Membership and T-shirt), and the club is fully insured.

This is a minimum 10-week program which includes practices and meets. The directors/coaches are Kirk Parker (786-6604) and Dale Rhodes (786-7096), and qualified volunteers will be appreciated.

For more information, please call Kirk or Dale after 6:00 p.m.

## AHS Wrestling Booster Club To Hold Dance

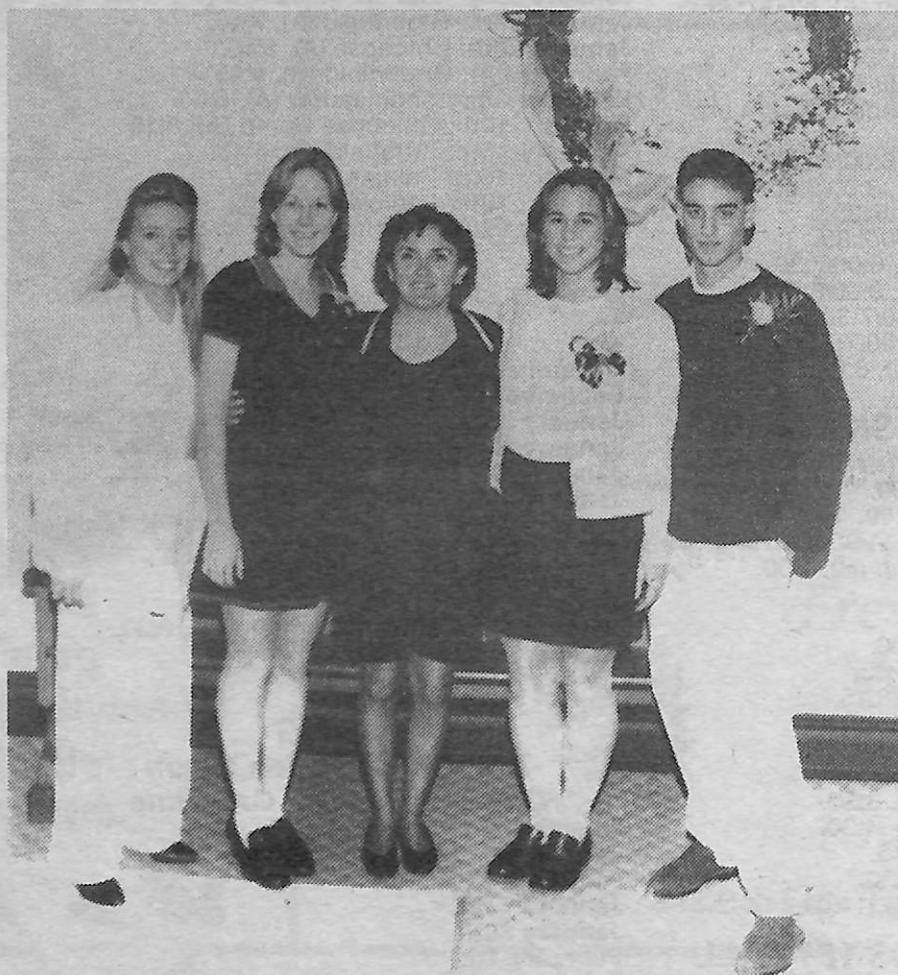
The Agawam High School Wrestling Booster Club will be holding a dance on Saturday, January 11, 1997 from 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The dance will be held at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills. Music will be provided by D.J. Charlie Parker.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Bring your own snacks!

**Early Deadline:  
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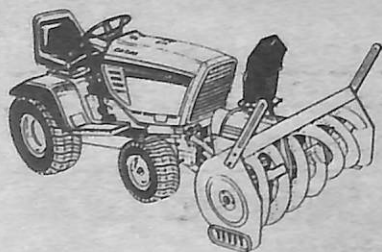
## AHS Girls' Field Hockey Banquet



THE AGAWAM HIGH girls' varsity field hockey team held its annual banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club. IN TOP PHOTO are members of the senior class, from left - Andrea Nolan, Amy Bilodeau, Jessica Couture, Pam Eaton, Kim Koehler, Tara Bowler, Jennifer Stratton, Jill Pavelcysk, and Annie Bianca. IN PHOTO at left, pictured are Karen Nasiatka, co-captain Amy Bilodeau, Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner, co-captain Annie Bianca, and Wes Gutowski. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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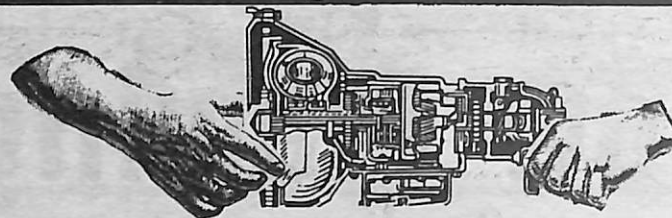
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## WRESTLING

**Coach: Phil Tomkiel**

**Asst. Coach: Gary Geiger**

December 27th: Holiday Tourney (H), All Day.  
January 4th: Ludlow/Minnechaug/Westfield (H), 11:00.  
January 8th: Putnam (A), 6:00.  
January 15th: Longmeadow (A), 7:00.  
January 18th: Pittsfield (A), 1:00.  
January 22nd: Amherst (H), 7:00.  
January 25th: PVIAC Ind. Tourney (A - Westfield), All Day.  
January 29th: Central (H), 7:00.  
February 1st: Bridgewater/Raynham (H), 7:00.  
February 5th: West Springfield (H), 7:00.  
February 14th & 15th: WMASS (A - Amherst), All Day.  
February 21st & 22nd: STATES (A - Lowell), All Day.  
March 1st: ALL STATES (A - Salem), All Day.

## JV/VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

**Varsity Coach: Gary Grumoli**

**JV Coach: Hassan Robinson**

December 20th: Ludlow (A), 6:00/7:30.  
December 23rd: Holyoke (A), 6:00/7:30.  
December 27th: Greenfield (A), 6:00/7:30.  
December 30th: Chicopee Comp (A), 6:00/7:30.  
January 3rd: Putnam (H), 6:30/8:00.  
January 8th: Central (H), 6:00/7:30.  
January 10th: Cathedral (H), 6:30/8:00.  
January 14th: Commerce (Science & Tech) (A), 6:30/8:00.  
January 16th: Minnechaug (A), 6:00/7:30.  
January 21st: Longmeadow (H), 3:00/8:00.  
January 24th: Amherst (H), 6:00/7:30.  
January 28th: Chicopee (A), 6:00/7:30.  
January 31st: Northampton (A), 6:00/7:30.  
February 7th: Longmeadow (A), 3:00/8:00.  
February 11th: Amherst (A), 6:00/7:30.  
February 14th: Chicopee (H), 6:00/7:30.  
February 18th: Northampton (H), 6:00/7:30.

## FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL

**Coach: Dean Vecchiarelli**

December 20th: Ludlow (H), 3:00.  
December 23rd: Holyoke (H), 1:00.  
December 27th: Dean Voc (H), 11:00 (Jr. H).  
December 30th: Chicopee Comp (H), 1:30.  
January 3rd: Putnam (A), 5:15.  
January 8th: Central (A), 3:30.  
January 10th: Cathedral (A), 3:30.  
January 14th: Commerce (H), 5:15.  
January 17th: Minnechaug (H), 3:15.  
January 21st: Longmeadow (A), 4:30.  
January 24th: Amherst (A), 3:30 (Jr. H).  
January 28th: Chicopee (H), 3:30.  
January 31st: Northampton (H), 3:30.  
February 7th: Longmeadow (H), 4:30.  
February 11th: Amherst (H), 3:45.  
February 14th: Chicopee (A), 3:30.  
February 18th: Northampton (A), 11:00.

## JV/VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**Varsity Coach: Lou Conte**

**JV Coach: Karen Patterson**

December 20th: Monument Mt. (H), 6:00/7:30.  
December 23rd: Taconic (A), 6:00/7:30.

December 30th: Chicopee (A), 6:00/7:30.  
January 3rd: Central (H), 3:00/4:30.  
January 7th: Westfield (A), 6:00/7:30.  
January 10th: Chicopee Comp. (H), 3:00/4:30.  
January 14th: Holyoke (A), 5:00/6:30.  
January 17th: Amherst (H), 6:00/7:30.  
January 21st: Longmeadow (H), 4:45/6:30.  
January 24th: West Springfield (A), 6:00/7:30.  
January 28th: Cathedral (A), 6:30/8:00.  
January 31st: Northampton (H), 6:00/7:30.  
February 4th: Minnechaug (A), 6:00/7:30.  
February 7th: Longmeadow (A), 4:45/6:30.  
February 11th: West Springfield (H), 6:00/7:30.  
February 13th: Cathedral (H), 6:00/7:30.  
February 18th: Northampton (A), 6:00/7:30.  
February 20th: Minnechaug (H), 6:00/7:30.

## HOCKEY

**Head Coach: Fran Pycko**

**Asst. Coach: John Cirelli**

December 20th: Amherst (A), 6:00.  
December 26th: East Longmeadow (H), 4:45.  
December 31st: West Springfield (H), 12:45.  
January 2nd: Central (H), 4:45.  
January 4th: Westfield (H), 7:30.  
January 8th: Holyoke (A), 8:15.  
January 14th: Minnechaug (H), 6:30.  
January 16th: South Hadley (H), 4:45.  
January 18th: Holyoke (H), 7:30.  
January 21st: East Longmeadow (A), 3:00.  
January 23rd: Greenfield (A), 7:15.  
January 29th: Chicopee (A), 8:15.  
February 6th: Greenfield (H), 4:45.  
February 8th: Longmeadow (A), 6:00.  
February 10th: Chicopee Comp (A), 8:15.  
February 13th: Pittsfield (H), 4:45.  
February 15th: Palmer (A), 2:30.  
February 18th: Ludlow (A), 3:15.  
February 22nd: South Hadley (A), 9:00.

## SWIMMING

**Coach: Kim Scofield**

December 20th: Central (A), 3:30.  
December 23rd: Chicopee Comp (H).  
January 3rd: Turners Falls.  
January 7th: Holyoke Catholic (H), 3:30.  
January 10th: Easthampton (A).  
January 14th: Chicopee (H), 3:30.  
January 17th: Northampton (A - JFK Middle), 3:30.  
January 24th: Monson (A).  
January 28th: Cathedral (H), 3:30.  
January 31st: West Springfield (H), 3:30.  
February 4th: Palmer (A).

## SKIING

**Boys' Coach: Glen Olson**

**Girls' Coach: Jim Graveline**

January 7th.  
January 9th.  
January 16th.  
January 23rd.  
January 30th.  
February 4th.  
February 6th.  
February 11th: Individuals.  
February 13th: Snow Date Individuals.  
February 28th: State Meet.

## Agawam Piranhas Defeat South Hadley

The Agawam Piranhas swim team won against the South Hadley team by a score of 448-347 on December 6, 1996 at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

### Girls 8 & under:

The team of Allison Ventulett, Johannah Kos, Julie Gorman, and Tammy Gorman placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Johannah Kos, first in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Allison Ventulett, Stephanie Scavotto, Julie Gorman, and Megan Lalli placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Caitlin Hurley, Thara Sekkal, Erica Simonoff, and Sarah Fini placed second.

Tammy Gorman, first, Julie Gorman, second, and Megan Lalli, third in 25-yard freestyle; Tammy Gorman, first in 25-yard butterfly; Allison Ventulett, first, and Thara Sekkal, third in 50-yard freestyle; Johannah Kos, first, and Caitlin Hurley, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 8 & under:

The team of Matthew Styckiewicz, Adam Deliefde, Shaun Bruso, and William Barker III placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

The team of William Barker III, Ryan Belisle, Anthony Ardolino, and Shaun Bruso placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

William Barker III, first, and Ryan Belisle, second in 25-yard freestyle; Shaun Bruso, first, and Matthew Styckiewicz, second in 25-yard butterfly; Matthew Styckiewicz, first, and Anthony Ardolino, third in 50-yard freestyle; Ryan Belisle, first, Adam Deliefde, second, and Anthony Ardolino, third in 25-yard backstroke; and Adam Deliefde, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 9-10:

Jillian Kos, first, and Angela Vinton, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Angela Vinton, Abriana Spagnoli, Jessica Lalli, and Leeann Morytko placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Gabrielle Brown, Jennifer Clark, Danielle Poggi, and Kaitlin Bond placed third.

Bethany Reid, second, and Katie Gorman, third in 50-yard freestyle; Katie Gorman, first, and Kaitlin Bond, third in 50-yard butterfly; Jillian Kos, first in 100-yard freestyle; Leeann Morytko, second, and Danielle Poggi, third in 50-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first, and Gabrielle Brown, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 9-10:

The team of Connor Dooley, Alan Gallerani, Anthony Rueli, and Kyle Henry placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Doug Duquette, first in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Benjamin Bruso, Erik Deliefde, Doug Duquette, and Jeffrey Lagasse placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Benjamin Bruso, first, and Connor Dooley, third in 50-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 50-yard butterfly; Erik Deliefde, second, and Doug Duquette, third in 100-yard freestyle; Erik Deliefde, second, and Connor Dooley, third in 50-yard backstroke; and Benjamin Bruso, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 11-12:

The team of Brittany Theriaque, Lindsay Carey, Kimberly Chmura, and Allison Morris placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Selema Sekkal, Ashley King, Leigh Stephanian, and Daven Macsata placed second.

The team of Kyliegh Egan, Allison Morris, Brittany Theriaque, and Kimberly Chmura placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of

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## U12 Agawam Tigers Win Championship In Pioneer Valley Soccer

The Agawam Tigers last month were crowned playoff champions of the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League's U12 girls division.

Coached by Ed Brown and Joe Ruhl, the Tigers went a perfect 14-0 in the regular season and went into the two-day tournament at cold and windy Gateway High School in Huntington as the big favorites to take the title back to Agawam.

The Tigers played a tough Our Lady of Hope team in the semi-finals. The Tigers had easily defeated this Springfield team in the regular season but had a much tougher time in the playoffs, winning 1-0.

The Tigers repeatedly peppered the Our Lady of Hope goal with shots from all angles throughout the game. The Tigers hit the post four times and the crossbar twice during the game. It wasn't until less than four minutes remained in the game did the Tigers score the winning goal.

The game-winner came when striker Kaitlin Sardella took a shot from the top of the penalty area. After the goalie made another great save, the ball squirted free and a wild scramble ensued. Kaitlin was able to knock the ball in for the game's only goal.

Goalie Vicky Taylor registered the shutout although she and the fullbacks were not tested. Halfbacks Aimee Beaudette, Whitney Brown, Brittany Theriaque, Vicki Ruhl, and Nicole Sadak dominated the midfield and kept Our Lady of Hope pinned deep in their own end for virtually the entire game.

In the championship game vs. host Gateway played in the early-morning cold and in a strong wind, the Tigers defeated Gateway, 2-0. Somehow, the Tigers had the wind in their face for virtually the entire game but still managed to control the play.

Center half-back Whitney Brown scored the game-winner midway through the first half on a penalty shot. This came after right wing Tricia Fitchben was hauled down in the penalty area after making a strong rush up the wing. Whitney blasted the ball into the far upper-right corner.

Early in the second half, wing Meaghan Brown scored off a rebound to give the Tigers an insurance goal. Goalie Vicky Taylor made several fine saves, especially in the second half when the heavy wind shifted again in Gateway's favor. The fullbacks, including Danielle Cirillo, Jen Sharpe, Melissa Savenko, and sweeper Kim Hoague, all played strong games. The Tigers also received good play from frontliners Erin McLane, Sheri Laskowski, and Taryn Albano.

The victory gave the Tigers their first league championship. During the recently completed fall season, they reached the finals of three A Division tournaments. They won the Cape Cod Fall Classic on Columbus Day Weekend. Overall, the Tigers were 25-3-1 for the fall season.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM TIGERS, U12 girls regular season and playoff champs of the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League.** Back row, from left - Asst. Coach Joe Ruhl, Brittany Theriaque, Erin McLane, Victoria Ruhl, Jennifer Sharpe, Melissa Savenko, Whitney Brown, Aimee Beaudette, Kim Hoague, and Coach Ed Brown. Front row - Tricia Fitchben, Danielle Cirillo, Nicole Sadak, Vicky Taylor, Kaitlin Sardella, Sheri Laskowski, Meaghan Brown, and Taryn Albano.

### PIRANHAS SWIMMERS - from Page 48...

Leigh Stepanian, Lindsay Carey, Nicole Breivogel, and Ashley King placed second.

Leigh Stepanian, second in 200-yard freestyle; Brittany Theriaque, second, and Nicole Breivogel, third in 50-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, second, and Kyliegh Egan, third in 50-yard butterfly; Selema Sekkal, third in 100-yard freestyle; Nicole Breivogel, second, and Daveen Macsata, third in 50-yard backstroke; Ashley King, first, and Kyliegh Egan, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

#### Boys 11-12:

The team of Kyle Sullivan, Michael Lalli, Tom Gorman, and Daniel Adamski placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Daniel Adamski, first in 200-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, second, and Paul Lagasse, third in 50-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, second in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, first, and Michael Lalli, third in 100-yard freestyle; Tom Gorman, second in 50-yard backstroke; Tom Gorman, first, and Michael Lalli, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

#### Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Christina Climo, Hillary King, Amy Jensen, and Rachel Morris placed second; and the team of

Amanda Boissonnea, Kaitlin Morris, Amanda Therrien, and Katie Gallagher placed third.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Rachel Morris, Rebecca Morytko, Jennifer Reid, and Shannon Costa placed first.

Kaitlin Morris, second in 200-yard individual medley; Christina Climo, second, and Amanda Therrien, third in 200-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 50-yard freestyle; Rachel Morris, second, and Jennifer Reid, third in 100-yard butterfly; Shannon Costa, first in 100-yard freestyle; Amanda Boissonnea, second, and Hillary King, third in 100-yard backstroke; and Jennifer Reid, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

#### Boys 13-14:

Nathan Adamski, second in 200-yard freestyle; Matthew Francis, second in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, second in 100-yard freestyle; and Thomas Casiello, second in 100-yard backstroke and first in 100-yard breaststroke.

#### Girls 15-18:

Brenna McGinn, third in 50-yard freestyle; Brenna McGinn, second, and Sarah Nacewicz, third in 100-yard freestyle; Brenna McGinn, second in 100-yard backstroke; and Sarah Nacewicz, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

## Happy 40th Birthday

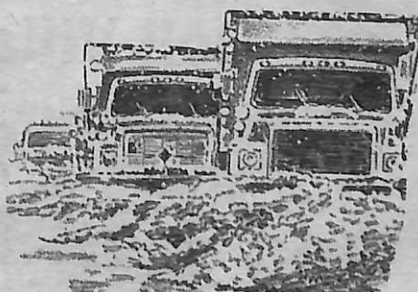


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## Outdoors New England

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### DEER HARVEST MAY NOT MEET PREDICTIONS

The Massachusetts deer harvest during shotgun season may not meet expected goals this year. A combination of factors may have reduced the count. While all check stations have not reported in, it seems that hunter success was running short of previous years.

While snowfall is a definite aid in tracking deer, the depth of the snow in the hill towns often approached 30 inches or more. Those hunters without snowshoes found walking almost impossible. Many of those who hunt far from the beaten path, were in for an exhausting trek to their favorite deer haunts.

Quite a few of the more casual deer hunters gave up and opted out for less snowy conditions in the lower valley areas. Wildlife biologists assure us that the herd is in good shape and is one of the largest in memory.

Muzzle loaders hunting during the primitive firearms season may have better conditions to hunt in due to the melt-off of some of the snow during the last several days of moderate temperatures.

### OPEN WATER FISHING COMES TO A NEAR STANDSTILL

It was with many fond memories and a heavy heart that I finally conceded to the weather and winterized the boats for the season. While on the subject of boats, don't forget to run the motor and inject the fogging oil into the intake. It only takes a few minutes and can save hundreds of dollars down the road.

When fogging the engine for storage, make sure that you have the motor connected to the garden hose with a pair of outboard "ear muffs" to insure an adequate water flow to the engine. Even a few scant seconds of the engine running without water, can damage the water pump and cause severe damage later on.

This is also a good time to change the lower unit oil and inspect the magnetic plugs for signs of metal shards. If the magnetic tip is loaded with metal fragments, it's time to pull the lower unit and inspect the gears for damage.

The old gearcase oil should still be dark in color. If you notice the old oil is milky white in color, it has been mixed with water and is a sure sign that water is leaking into the gear case. That is a problem that will ruin a lower unit in short order.

Your trusty fish finder should also be removed from the boat and the LCD part of the unit should be stored inside. Prolonged exposure to extreme cold can sometimes damage the display.

As winter temperatures ice over the area lakes and ponds, be sure of the ice thickness before you venture out. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

### NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE MAWAGA CLUB

The following Officers and Directors were elected at the Mawaga Sporting Club's annual meeting held on December 10, 1996, and will be inducted at the regular meeting on January 14, 1997:

**Terry Letellier**, President; **Dan Fife**, Vice President; **Jim Gamelli**, Secretary; **Rich Wilson**, Treasurer; **Roger Anderson**, Financial Secretary; and Directors **Charlie Baker**, **Ernie Leithoff**, **Paul Query**, **Greg Sargent**, **Claude Talbot**, **Tom Vining**, and **Ralph Webster**.

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Ridge Ski Area, Brodie Mountain Resort, Butter-nut Basin, Catamount Ski Resort, and Wachusett Mountain.

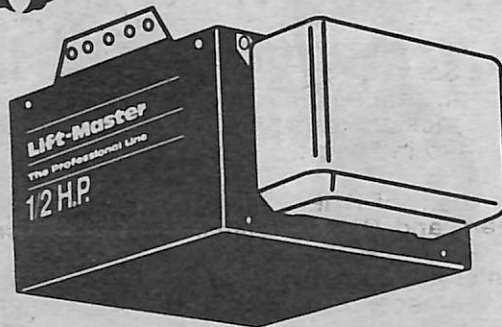
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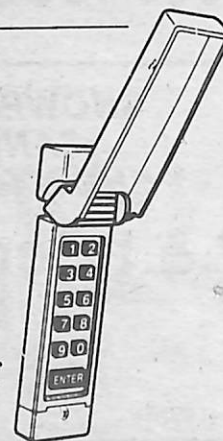
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## Agawam "Sure Shots" Win First Round In Women's Tennis

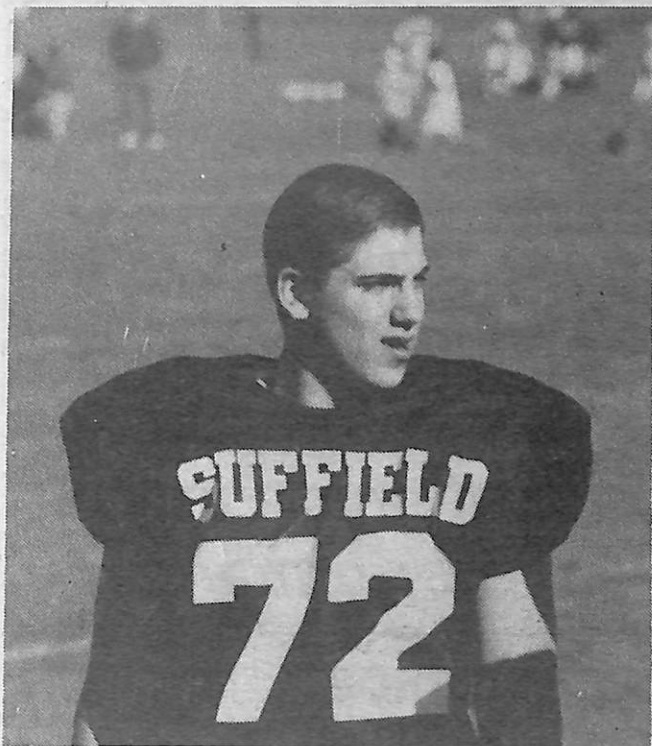
Agawam's first women's U.S.T.A (United States Tennis Association) women's team, the "Sure Shots," recently won their league's first round with a perfect 4-0 record.

This 2.5 rated team was led by three singles players in the first round - Cindy Berkowitz (4-0 record), Gina Frasco (3-0), and Jane Zabielski (1-0).

The leading doubles team for the "Sure Shots" was Susan Stack and Dawn Fleury. They were undefeated with a 4-0 record. Also undefeated was the team of Lisa McLaughlin and Jane Zabielski with a 3-0 record.

Other members of the team that contributed to the first round championship were Brenda Loguidice, Cora Michel, Carol Miller, and Diane Tower.

The team is coached by well-known area tennis player and teacher Rudy Altobelli of Agawam.



AARON M. ORSATTI

## Aaron M. Orsatti Gets Athletic Award At Suffield Academy

At this fall's Athletic Awards Ceremony at Suffield Academy, junior Aaron Michael Orsatti was awarded a varsity letter earned in football.

Also a member of the Academy varsity wrestling team, Aaron pinned his way to a trophy in the unlimited weight division at the Canterbury (Connecticut) Prep School Invitational Wrestling Tournament held December 7th.

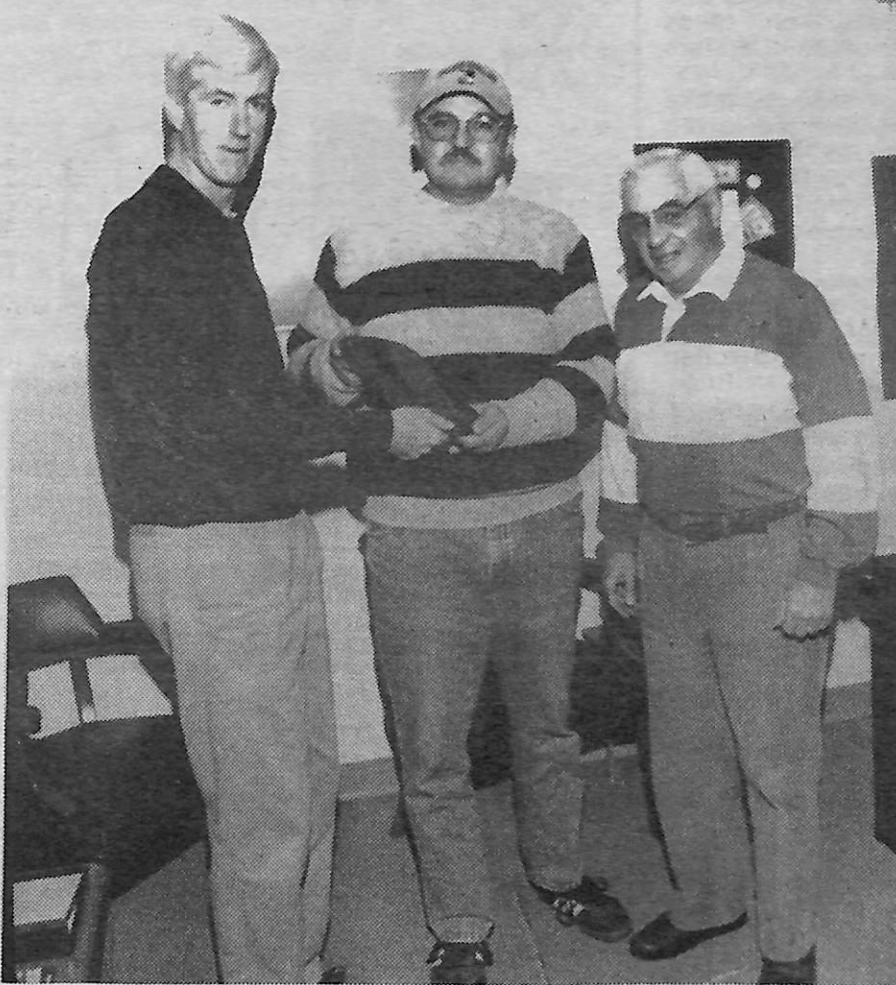
Aaron is the 16 year-old son of James & Carol Orsatti of 18 Poinsetta Street, Agawam.

*Best local news...*



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM "Sure Shots" 2.5 tennis team. From left - Cora Michel, Lisa McLaughlin, Susan Stack, Dawn Fleury, Cyndi Berkowitz, Gina Frasco, Diane Tower, Carol Miller, Jane Zabielski, and Coach Rudy Altobelli. Missing: Brenda Loguidice. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Soccer Award For Riverside



RIVERSIDE PARK owner and operator Edward J. Carroll, Jr. (left), receives a recognition plaque from Agawam Soccer Association President Denny Marr for the park's continued sponsorship of the Riverside Soccer Classic on Labor Day Weekend, hosted by the ASA. Looking on is Riverside controller Bob Cignoli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Tri-Parish Bowlers Head For Holidays As Round 2 Continues

Those wild and rascally rollers in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League closed in on the holiday season with yet another competitive Monday night at the Agawam Bowl as Round Two action continues. Catholic University (6 wins) is the current league leader with St. Anselm (5 wins) and St. Michael (5 wins) close behind.

CU faced seventh place St. Louis (4 wins) over on Lanes 5 & 6. The only CU winner was leadoff PEARL "Diamond Girl" PROVOST (259, 81.32 in Women's C). St. Lou winners were substitute BARBARA HOWARD (276), LARRY AVERY (296, 94.25 in Men's B), and GLENN "Not Sam" ADAMS (336, leads Men's AA at 115.20). "Not Sam" upset the apple cart a bit with a win over league leader BILL "Black & Blue" GRAY (332, 121.10 in Men's Open).

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Next on the lanes saw Georgetown (4th place/4 wins) face St. A's. G-Town controlled this match. Winners were leadoff LOU NAPOLITAN (267, 88.1 in Men's C), SUE GRIFFIN, (312-311 winner over DON "Don't Sit On" STITT; Sue leads the Women's AA at 102.23), and substitute Captain LANCE "Put A Hole In 'Em" POIRIER (379). Lance put a hole in none other than a dazed, crazed, and fazed St. A's Captain, "Luscious" LOU MULDER (321, 105.32 in Men's AA).

The only St. A's winner was the famous MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (287, leads Women's A at 96.9).

Sixth place Boston College (4 wins) was on the lanes vs. last place St. Mary (2 wins). St. Mary's got the best of this match. St. Mary's winners were leadoff MARIE LYNCOSEY (277, 93.25 in Women's A), BOB "The Beastmaster" BURKE (328, 109.4 in Unclassified), and Captain RICH SNYDER (a big 371, 110.26 in Men's AA). Richie defeated "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK, who checked in with one of his better nights at 331 (100.10 in Men's A).

The only winner for BC was third roller YVONNE CHARTIER (293-291 over JOHN MLINEK; Yvonne is at 100.4 in the Women's Open).

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Ninth place Fordham (3 wins) was up against third place St. Michael (5 wins) over on Lanes 7 & 8. St. Mike's had three winners as leadoff TAMMY VOGEL (257, 85.30 in Women's C), JEAN BUONICONTI (315-309 over VI MASSOIA; Jean rolls at 95.32 in Women's AA), and third roller LARRY FORTIER (316-315 over JOHN LONCRINI; 103.8 in Men's A).

The lone winner for Fordham was more than delighted after this match. Our famous "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER really laid the stick to a out-to-lunch JERRY ALLEN, 335-288. That's right. Jerry could only muster a 288. He averages 121.0 in the Men's Open Class. "Jollie" averages 108.11 in the same category. This was a pretty good match until "Jollie" creamed Jerry (sounds like a cartoon).

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In the final match of the night, fifth place Notre Dame (4 wins) defeated 8th place Holy Cross (3) wins. ND winners were leadoff RITA "The Soccer Queen" SCOTT (Rita coaches a girls youth team in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League; she averages 83.30 in Women's B) and Captain FLO ROCHFORD (320, 104.7 in Women's Open). Flo defeated HC anchorage PAULA BURKE, our famous assistant town treasurer at the Agawam Town Hall (110.12 in Women's Open).

HC winners were second roller "Wild" BILL ALDRICH (310, 95.9 in Men's B) and third roller and old friend LARRY VIENS (336 in a substitute roll).

## Soccer Association's U14 Co-Ed Champs



**MEMBERS OF THE GREEN REVOLUTION**, champs of the Agawam Soccer Association's U14 Co-Ed soccer league. Coaches - Ken Fleming, Kevin Quirk, and Art Howe. Team members are Scott Allen, Nicole Clauson, Jessica Coelho, Chris Colcord, Steve Douglas, Scott Fleming, Michael Follis, Ricky Gardner, Nabil Ghaname, Brian Hearn, Adam Howe, Melissa Perry, Chris Polek, Dan Quirk, and Nate Skiba.

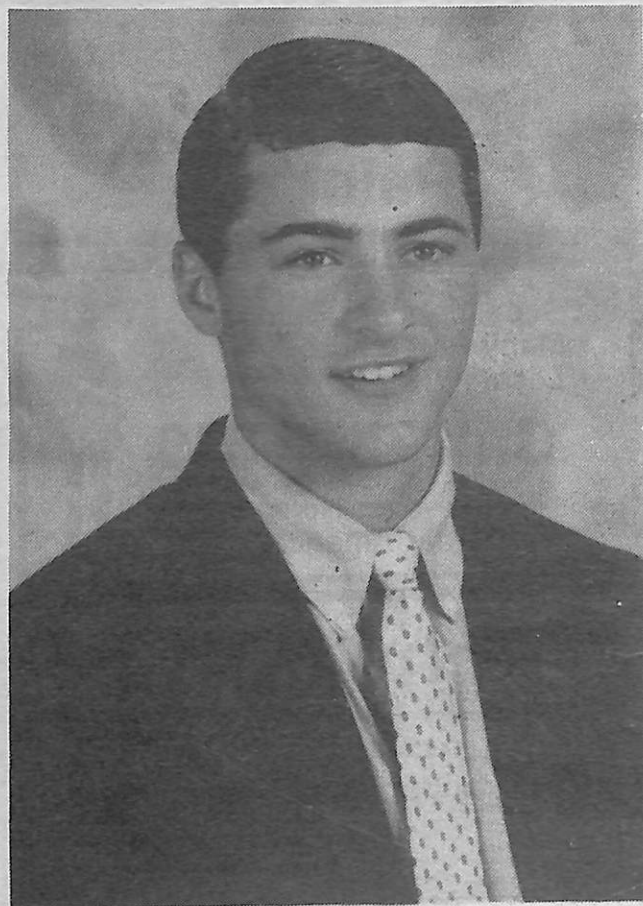
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He ran 208 times for 1,463 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. In his first game of the season, he broke the Suffield Academy school record for most yards rushed in a single game when he rushed for 287 yards on 33 carries against Gunnery-Washington.

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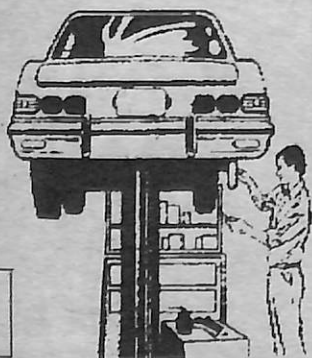
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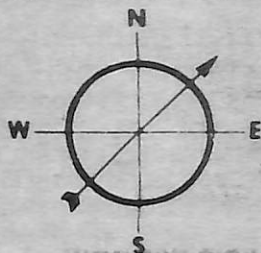
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